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Christy Davis navigates Corzine's political rise

By G. G. Mallon

NEWARK — Now that the primary election is over and her boss is taking a short vacation, Christy Davis can take a relaxing breath. Not that she can rest on her laurels, but as campaign manager for Jon Corzine, the pace has been intense and the demands tremendous. While the stress of the campaign can cause some emotional wear, it's balanced with ease and the delight of working with the office staff and eager, young interns fueled with the spirit of involvement.

With Corzine confirmed as the Democratic Party candidate for the U.S. Senate it's time to strategize the future and reflect on the recent past.

In Corzine, with his firm belief in concepts like universal health care, long term care and quality public school education

with an emphasis on pre-school, Davis met a political novice with a message that speaks well to the majority of New Jerseyans. As the former State Director for outgoing Senator Frank Lautenberg and Legislative Director for the late State Senator Wynona Lipman, Davis had the background to navigate Corzine's launch into the political arena. He sold her on his message and she gave him her commitment.

As the first black woman to manage a statewide United States Senate campaign, the Rutgers Law School graduate has to keep the entities handled by the campaign consultants - media, protocol and administrative duties - blended and in balance.

She has a hands-on style and a typical day might include dealing with up to 100 telephone calls, participating in several

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(Left) Christy Davis, (right) Jon Corzine celebrates his victory with his family. Photo courtesy of Jon Corzine for U.S. Senate

Medical student's study will clinically expose police brutality



Roger Mitchell (pictured here with POP President Larry Hamm) spoke at a forum held at UMDNJ about his initiative to involve the medical profession in documenting police brutality. Photos by William E. Frazier

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

The daily grind of a police officer is indeed laden with stress. As a police officer, the task of protecting the community he or she serves is burdened with scenes of murder, violence, and mayhem. Then again, it can be a very rewarding job considering the lives police officers save and ensure by putting their own lives on the line, everyday.

However, the mounting stress an officer must endure is bound to take its toll. And per-

haps the rash of police reported incidents of violence directed toward civilians primarily of color - blacks and Hispanics - directly correlates with that stress - at least Roger Mitchell thinks so.

Mitchell, 25, is a second year medical student at the University of Medicine and Dentistry Medical School in Newark, and a 1996 graduate of Howard University. He is also the National Violence Prevention chairman of the Student National Medical Association, and is extremely concerned

about the violation of a person's civil rights. One particular person, Amadou Diallo, the African immigrant shot at 41 times by four New York police officers, has led Mitchell to take a proactive stance.

"They (police officers) killed Amadou," said Mitchell, in solemn disgust. "Forty-one shots. I cried. I blacked out. I had to figure out what to do."

Still bewildered after the Diallo shooting, Mitchell had the opportunity to speak at a People's Organization for See MITCHELL, Page A8

Julius Erving's son 'missing and endangered'

By Mike Schneider

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — Basketball great Julius "Dr. J" Erving pleaded for help last week in finding his 19-year-old son, who has had drug problems and has been missing for more than three weeks.

Cory Marvin Erving's last contact with his parents was May 28, when he went to a shopping mall in Lake Mary, about 20 miles from Orlando.

Authorities said there have been no sightings of his car and they consider him "endangered" because he has little money.

"That's an individual's worst nightmare," Julius Erving said at a news conference with his wife and their three other adult children. "This bad dream has gone on for, days now...very hard days."

Sheriff Don Eisinger said Cory may have had a confrontation with someone before he disappeared. The sheriff gave no details.

"We've had no critical witnesses from whom we've gleaned information about his whereabouts," Eisinger said. "We've exhausted

many leads."

Julius Erving said Cory was born with a learning disability that he described as a mild form of dyslexia and attention deficit disorder. He had to be put in special schools through eighth grade.

Cory and his older brother, Cheo, were arrested in 1996 while walking away from a car parked in the affluent Orlando suburb of Altamonte Springs. Cory was charged with burglarizing the car. Cheo was charged with possessing a crack pipe. A police spokesman in Altamonte Springs said last week he did not know how the case was resolved.

Cory was working at a sandwich shop and talking contacts geared toward getting a high school equivalency diploma. Despite his past trouble with drugs and alcohol, Cory's family believed he had turned his life around.

"We felt he was on course to have some success in a life that has been very trying, living in the shadow of a public figure like myself and a high-profile family," Erving said.

His family described Cory as

fun-loving and a prankster.

"Sometimes, just in support of him, we would tease him about all the diplomas he's garnered from drug rehab centers," said Erving, in a subdued tone. "He has about five or six of them."

Cory had plans to go to a Memorial Day weekend cookout with his family and was running an errand to pick up bread when he last spoke to his father.

"He called me and said he would be home in 20 minutes," Julius Erving said. "That was the last time I talked to him."

Erving, a Hall of Famer and former NBA MVP, revolutionized basketball with his high-flying slam dunks and was one of the sport's biggest stars. He is the executive vice president of the Orlando Magic.

Reparation's rally highlights celebration

WASHINGTON, D.C. — More than 350,000 people attended a three-day National Compensation Reparations and Juneteenth Rally from June 17-19 in Washington, D.C.

Black legislators, philanthropists, historians and citizens also attended U.S. officials that said reparations are due to the descendants of African slaves, who by history's own account have suffered 300 years of institutionalized slavery, followed by 100 years of legalized segregation.

Highlights from the event included a Juneteenth celebration in front of the National Mall's Lincoln Memorial along with a National Compensation Reparations Rally. The event concluded with a mass Juneteenth Frederick Douglass Freedom March and press conference. The march kicked-off on June 19, at the Anacostia home of Frederick Douglass, and ended at the west side of the U.S. Capitol steps, where Congressman Tony Hall (D-Ohio) addressed why the nation must officially apologize for slavery.

On hand was renowned reparations leader, Dr. Robert Brock, who spoke on the necessity to compensate its victims.

Black psychologists have now confirmed that the years of abuse have caused Post-Traumatic Slave Syndrome, which has disabled the African-American community's social, economic, and educational progress. They contend that the past and continued negative treatment and denial of opportunity to blacks in America stem from the bloody, lucrative business of slavery. They believe slavery not only exploited Africans without regard to family, culture, language and religion, but purposely calculated strategies to dehumanize black slaves to maximize the profits of slave owners.

Long-time reparations activists deem slavery and its aftermath as the "Black Holocaust" and estimate that 80 to 100 million Africans died from starvation and disease due to brutal treatment during the voyage to America and other regions of the globe.

'Diallo' song cheered by New York crowds, booed by PBA

By David Baader

NEW YORK (AP) — Caught in another political storm over his role in the shooting of Amadou Diallo, Bruce Springsteen responded by letting his music do the talking.

Springsteen performed for the second time publicly a song about the New York City police killing of Amadou Diallo, despite angry protests from members of his Madison Square Garden concert.

The New Jersey rocker made an introduction and offered no explanation of his thoughts on the song.

Instead, band members began the song by approaching microphones one by one and repeating the words "41 shots," referring to the number of times four white officers shot at Diallo, a black West African immigrant.

The crowd began cheering in recognition of the song and interrupted Springsteen's singing with cheers several times. It was difficult to distinguish any boss from the traditional "Bruce" chant at his shows.

One heckler was escorted from the Garden after he approached the stage and flashed obscene and gestures at Springsteen during the song.

Is this your wallet? Is this your life? The song goes, referring to Diallo's wallet, which police took for a gun. "You can get sued just for living in our American skin."

Springsteen introduced the song during a recent concert in Santa

Diallo's parents attended the recent Garden concert. A family friend said they planned to thank Springsteen for the song.

Sakou and Kadiatou Diallo also planned to invite Springsteen to visit with the city's black community, said the friend, who declined to be identified.

Sixteen years ago, Springsteen was upset when his song "Born in the U.S.A." was used in President Reagan's political campaign and was misinterpreted as a patriotic anthem.

Feb. 22, was mortally wounded as he stood in the vestibule of his Bronx home on Feb. 4, 1998. The four officers involved in the shooting were acquitted of murder earlier this year.

The Patrons of the Benevolent Association, which represents 27,000 city police officers, has urged its members not to attend or work overtime security detail at Springsteen's Garden concerts.

Police Lt. Eric Adams, of 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care, said his group supports Springsteen and is upset that few black artists have used their talents to support the Diallo family.

"We commend Bruce Springsteen, and we believe that he is courageous in the position that he is taking," said Adams at a news conference before the concert.

Although Springsteen's tonight New York City stand was bringing his yearlong nostalgic tour of the E Street Band to an end, the rocker was clearly thinking of the future.

Suspect freed after 23 years in prison

PATERSON (AP) — A man whose murder conviction was overturned in 1995 and then twice got hung juries was freed recently after 23 years behind bars when the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office declined to seek a fourth trial.

Lawrence L. Simmons, 43, was greeted by his mother and sister as he left the Passaic County Jail, said one of his lawyers, John Vincent Saykanic.

Simmons maintains he is innocent of the 1977 fatal beating of a well-known Paterson physician, and years ago refused a deal that would have freed him with time served in return for a guilty plea, said his other lawyer, Miles Feinstein.

The release was set in motion more than two weeks ago, when a panel of state appellate judges directed that the indictment charging Simmons with the murder of Dr. David Doktor be dismissed.

At a recent hearing, state Superior Court Judge Sylvan G. Rothenberg dismissed the indictment after Assistant Passaic County Prosecutor Steven J. Brizek said the office would not appeal to the state Supreme Court.

"We do this in the hope that we may thereby constructively bring to a close one of the sad-

"She understood, she agreed, she was very thankful for the efforts that had been put into this case,"

dest chapters in the history of Paterson, Passaic County and the state of New Jersey," Brizek told the judge.

His boss, Prosecutor Ronald S. Fava, said a conviction in a fourth trial would not have kept Simmons in prison, since he had already served more time than he could receive at sentencing.

Still, his office would have tried the case if not for the appellate ruling, Fava said.

Fava said he met with Doktor's daughter, Deborah, to tell her of the decision.

"She understood, she agreed, she was very thankful for the efforts that had been put into this case," Fava said.

The woman, who now lives in Massachusetts, was pregnant with her first child in 1977 at Simmons' first trial, Fava said. Her town and age were not immediately available, he said.

In the 1996 and 1998 retrials, a total of only seven jurors voted to acquit Simmons of murdering Doktor, noted Brizek, adding, "The truth of who killed him is in the record for anyone to see."

Brizek also noted that a conviction for murder by George Marshall was left intact by the state appellate panel, for which Simmons got a 15-year term.

PEOPLE

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

NEWARK - The New Jersey Institute for School Innovation hosts Dr. Henry Levin. For further information, call (973) 621-0631.

BEDMINISTER - The Sharing Network hosts a Golf Invitational at 11 a.m. For further information, call (973) 379-4535.

NEW BRUNSWICK - The New Jersey State Bar Foundation hosts a financial management seminar. For more information, call (800) FREE-LAW.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

PLAINFIELD - The United National Bank Community Education Center hosts "Home Purchase Workshop," from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For further information, call (908) 753-7364.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

NEWARK - New Jersey Historical Society presents a guided walking and restaurant tour of the Ironbound. For further information, call (973) 595-8500.

PLAINFIELD - Richmond Towers hosts its annual Spring Cabaret at 8 p.m. For more information, call (908) 756-1863 or (908) 755-0095.

NEW YORK - The Alliance for Downtown New York presents its Liberty Challenge-World Outing Championship. For more information, call (212) 565-5700.

CAPE MAY - The Delaware Bay Boat Tours offers cruises on the Delaware Bay. For more information, call (609) 884-5404.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

PLAINFIELD - People Empowering People hosts a champagne garden party at 4:00 p.m. For further information, call (908) 322-0009.

NEWARK - Monty Python comes to NYPAC. For further information, call (973) 297-5638.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

MAPLEWOOD - Essex County College sponsors a scholarship tournament at 1 p.m. For further information, call (973) 877-3089.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

NEWARK - The New Jersey Historical Society hosts a guided walking tour. For further information, call (973) 595-8500.

HOLMDEL - The Monmouth County Park System hosts an old-fashioned Fourth of July Celebration. For further information, call (732) 842-4000, ext. 4237.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

NEWARK - The Newark Public Library kicks off its annual "Summer Reading Challenge" at 10 a.m. For more information, call (973) 753-7797.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

ROANOKE/SALEM, N.J. - The Blaney Family Reunion Association announces their 12th Annual Family Reunion, through July 2. For further information, call (718) 234-7228.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

PISCATAWAY - The Antique Fire Apparatus Association sponsors an antique fire apparatus show. For further information, call (732) 463-7445.

MONDAY, JULY 3

ASBURY PARK - An R&B concert will be held at Convention Hall. For further information, call (732) 775-2100.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Committee hosts a 4th of July celebration at 4 p.m. at Messel Field. For further information, call (908) 352-0900.

MONTCLAIR - Painter Giovanna Cechetti's solo exhibition opens at *Alma At The Academy*. For further information, contact Ajira at (973) 643-8877.

THURSDAY, JULY 6

CRANFORD - Union County College presents the play "Defying Gravity," through July 23. For more information, call (908) 659-5189.

NEWARK - The Newark Public Information Office sponsors West Ward Hoops League at 8 p.m. For further information, call (973) 753-8947.

B.B. King explains life, blues to Mississippi Valley State graduates

ITTA BENA, Miss. (AP) — B.B. King's musical career pulled him from poverty in the Mississippi Delta and brought him international fame.

But if the 74-year-old legend had it to do over again, he'd change a few things.

"I would finish high school, go to (college) and not get married until I was past 40," King told students in a workshop at Mississippi Valley State University.

The Indianola native played a benefit concert later at the historically black Delta school.

Earlier, he explained how his foot-patting brand of blues reflects the "rhythms of the soul."

"I like the guitar to kind of sing," King said. "I tell a story when I play and always make it interesting to the person listening. I'm trying to communicate."

King was in Mississippi over the weekend, appearing at several tribute concerts to Medgar Evers, an NAACP field secretary slain by a white supremacist in 1963.

He recently played in Vicksburg and serenaded several hundred fans in Canton who



B.B. King File photo attended an outdoor concert despite rain.

King said his style includes a signature "trill," which was influenced by beer bottle slides, haunting Hawaiian guitars and country steel guitars.

"I didn't plan it (the trill), but today I can't keep from doing it."

King warned students to avoid the pitfalls of partying.

"You don't have to get high on alcohol or drugs," King said. "Get high on music."

WNBC to re-air NAACP show

NEW YORK — NewsChannel 4 presents a one-hour encore special, "Walk a Mile in My Shoes: The 90-Year Journey of the NAACP," co-hosted by NAACP Chairman Julian Bond and singer/actress Nancy Wilson on Sunday, June 25, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

"Walk a Mile in My Shoes" offers a complete historical and informative documentary that mirrors 90 years of African-American social experiences. From the very beginning of the NAACP's inception in 1909 this program presents many significant events that have challenged, threatened the well-being, the growth and even the lives of African-Americans throughout these years. This special will serve as a visual "witness" allowing the viewer to look back over the past 90 years to see the major changes that have taken place with the help of this American institution.

"Walk a Mile in My Shoes" will feature interviews with Oliver W. Hill, civil rights attorney; Ossie Davis, actor and director; John Bracey, professor, African-American Studies at University of Massachusetts at Amherst; Leo Baker, professor, Anthropology/African-American Studies at Duke University; Ollie Johnson, professor African-American Studies at Maryland. This nationally syndicated program was co-produced by the Gene David Group, Inc. and D.R. Lyles, Inc. in direct association with National Video Entertainment, Inc.

Two ECC students get experience through engineering internship



Essex County College engineering students Alain Pierre-Antoine (left) and Thelma Koffah (center) discuss engineering blueprints with ECC engineering professor John Gribbin in the college's Center for Technology. Both students will participate in the 10-week Housing Scholars summer internship program.

NEWARK — Thelma Koffah begins at the end of June) certainly enhances their educational experience."

Koffah had enrolled at Rutgers University following her graduation from high school.

But financial considerations led Koffah to leave Rutgers and enroll at ECC for the first part of her advanced education. She is expected to complete her associate degree requirements in December and then transfer back to Rutgers.

Alain Pierre-Antoine recalls that when he was nine, his video game playing got him interested in science. "Around that time I also got involved in simple experiments such as lighting up small bulbs using wires and a battery," said the Newark resident.

Well, the civil construction engineering technology student at Essex County College has come a long way since he played young scientist.

"I figure this summer I'll really enjoy working at a firm related to housing construction," said Pierre-Antoine, a graduate of Union Catholic High School. "And it will be good for my resume to have this work experience."

He plans to graduate from ECC in 2000 and transfer to NJIT. Eventually, he hopes to work in engineering design.

The program allows our students to have a great experience during the summer," said John Gribbin, an ECC engineering professor. This is the fourth year Gribbin has helped ECC engineering students secure the internships. "The program (which

Newark hosts luncheon for visiting assembly of Japanese state delegations



NEWARK — The City of Newark recently hosted a luncheon for a delegation from the Assembly of the Fukui Prefecture in Japan. The assembly members, led by chairman, Fumio Yamamoto, were touring business and industry in New Jersey as the guests of the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission. New Jersey has a sister state relationship with Fukui. The luncheon was held at Newark's newest restaurant, Maize in the Robert Treat Hotel. From left: Chairman Yamamoto; Keiko Ito, a graduate intern with the Newark Museum's Asian collection; City Business Administrator JoAnne Watson, representing Mayor Sharpe James, and Councilmembers-at-Large Gayle Chaneyfield-Jenkins, Bessie Walker and Luis Quintana.

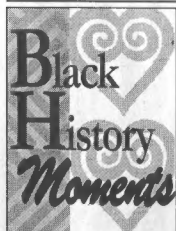
Black Quotes

to live by...

"In those days men left their women for all sorts of reasons...and nobody blamed them much, because times were hard."



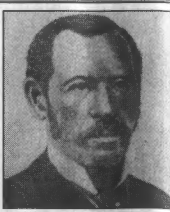
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• 1855 - Mifflin Wistar Gibbs becomes the owner and editor of the "Mirror of the Times," one of America's first black newspapers.

The newspaper also was California's first black newspaper.

• The first known abolitionist newspaper was the "Philanthropist," published and edited by Charles Osborn on August 29, 1817, in Mount Pleasant, Ohio.



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MISSISSIPPI BLACK CIVIL WAR GROUP SEEKING MEMORIAL

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Leaders of a Civil War reenactment group that focuses on the role of blacks who fought during the four-year war want a memorial honoring their effort.

There is not one monument from this state dedicated to black soldiers," said Norman Fisher, a U.S. postal worker who leads the Mississippi Black Civil War Preservation Society's 1st U.S. Cavalry Colored Infantry.

Fisher said black soldiers fighting for the Union helped capture Jackson and Vicksburg from Confederate forces in 1864.

Most white Mississippians put it as their heritage, their history, but they fail to realize that we have a history, too," Fisher said.

Members of the group staged a reenactment Saturday. They wore the blue uniforms of the Union. Fisher's grandfather, a World War I aviator, was one of the 600,000 blacks who fought during the Civil War.

Jim Payne, director of African-American studies at the University of Mississippi, said the experience of blacks during the war isn't well-known.

"I am sure that the African-American experience in general, not just the Civil War, is not taught enough," he said.

GERONIMO PRATT AND JOHNNIE COCHRAN JOIN TO HELP AT-RISK CHILDREN

MORGAN CITY, La. (AP) — Attorney Johnnie Cochran joined former Black Panther Geronimo Pratt recently to announce plans for a

community health care project for at-risk children as well as adults.

Pratt, who now uses the name JJ Jaga, said he wants to base the operation inside the building where he was held in high school. Part of the facility is abandoned, but part now houses a sheriff's substation, complete with a

communication center, a district attorney's office and a training center. St. Mary Parish Sheriff David Niquin spent \$75,000 in parish money to buy the building from the school board and renovate it. He has given no indication he would be willing to rent it.

Pratt, 53, who now lives in Morgan City, spent 25 years in prison for a California murder until his conviction was overturned in 1997. He reportedly settled his false imprisonment and civil rights lawsuit against the FBI and city of Los Angeles for \$4.5 million.

Cochran, famous for his defense of O.J. Simpson, was Pratt's lawyer.

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Congress to look skeptically at US Airways merger

By Claude R. Marx

WASHINGTON (AP) — US Airways and United Airlines defended their proposed \$4.3 billion merger before some skeptical lawmakers at hearings last week.

United and US Airways employ 17,000 people in Pennsylvania and US Airways is already one of the state's largest employers.

Airline executives' responses to questions drawn up for the hearings could have implications for the entire passenger airline industry.

"If this goes through, it's going to be hard for other airlines not to merge. We may end up with three major airlines, and I'm not sure that's in the best interest of consumers," said Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, chairman of the Senate Judiciary antitrust, business rights and competition subcommittee.

Rep. Jim Oberstar, D-Minn., ranking member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, echoed the thought.

"The concentration of economic power in the marketplace limits competition and makes new entries into the market more difficult," he said. "There is clearly a pattern of down-

ing competition."

UAL parent company of United, the world's largest airline, made the offer for US Airways last month. The Justice Department immediately began reviewing it.

If approved by federal regulators, the combined airline would dwarf American Airlines, United's closest competitor, in size. The two prospective partners had a combined \$26.6 billion in revenue in 1999, compared with \$17.7 billion for American.

Travel analysts say passengers can expect higher prices if the deal goes through because of reduced competition. And while the huge combined airline could make it easier to book flights around the world, it could also make it easier for labor trouble to cripple air travel.

Joel Klein, the Justice Department's chief antitrust lawyer, has not commented on the proposed merger. But he said the dominance of individual airlines at certain hubs "raises significant competitive concerns."

To try to placate regulators, United plans to sell the bulk of its operations at Washington's Reagan National Airport to Robert L. Johnson, founder of



Bob Johnson File photo

Black Entertainment Television. The new airline, to be called DC Air, would be the nation's only black-owned airline.

Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Pa., Transportation and Infrastructure chairman, supports the deal.

"US Airways is not financially viable in the long run," he

said. "You can't look at it as if US Airways is going to survive on its own. It makes this deal more appealing."

The attorney general's office in Shuster's home state, which has US Airways hubs in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, is among the staunchest opponents.

"We are concerned about prices and the ability to keep out new competition," said James Donahue, Pennsylvania's chief deputy attorney general. "We are also concerned about what this will do to the availability of flights to certain cities in the state."

The Transportation panel held hearings last Tuesday and Thursday featuring UAL Chairman James E. Goodwin, US Airways Chairman Stephen Wolf and Johnson.

Officials with the federal Justice and Transportation departments and critics of the proposed deal also testified.

The airline executives appeared at last Wednesday's hearing of the antitrust subcommittee.

Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, two of the three hub cities in the US Airways system, would be among the seven hubs in United's revamped system.

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Supreme Court helps workers get discrimination claims heard

By Richard Carroll

WASHINGTON (AP) — Workers who say their employers illegally discriminated against them can win lawsuits, or at least get their accusations to a jury, without direct evidence of intentional bias, the Supreme Court ruled recently.

The court's unanimous decision in an age-bias dispute from Mississippi could carry profound practical importance as well for lawsuits nationwide that charge employment discrimination based on race, sex and physical disabilities.

The ruling was a huge setback for employers because some federal appeals courts routinely had dismissed lawsuits that lacked "smoking gun" evidence of employers' discriminatory intent.

Monday's decision said circumstantial evidence often is enough to sue employers successfully.

Employer organizations were disappointed.

"The bottom line is it may be tougher to get cases out of the hands of the jury," said Peter Petach, a lawyer for the Society for Human Resource Management.

"In some jurisdictions, we're going to see more litigation which lasts longer, even for employers who did nothing wrong," he said.

But Thomas Osborne, an

AMP lawyer, praised the decision as a victory for the some 12 million over-50 workers who belong to his organization because it says employers no longer can in about their personnel decisions and get away with it.

"The playing field is no longer slanted toward employers," Osborne said.

In a series of employment-bias decisions, the nation's highest court has imposed various requirements on employers who say they were treated illegally.

"They must show they were subjected to adverse treatment and that the employer's asserted reason for such treatment was phony."

But federal appeals courts

have disagreed on a key point: whether employees who discredit an employer's stated reason must also offer proof of a discriminatory motive.

Not always, the Supreme Court said Monday. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote that a federal appeals court wrongly relied on the premise that a plaintiff must always introduce additional, independent evidence of discrimination.

"Proof that the defendant's explanation is unworthy of credence is simply one form of circumstantial evidence that is probative of intentional discrimination, and it may be quite persuasive," she said.

Legislators take a look at seat belts tickets

By Phillips Ravis

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Some legislators look at the large number of blacks getting seat belt tickets in Alabama's largest cities and see clear proof of racial profiling. Police see a different picture — that of officers simply enforcing a law.

A highway safety expert cautions neither side should rush to any conclusions.

"The current system of simplistic documentation adds to a perception of racial profiling that more than likely is extremely limited in the state of Alabama," said Marty Spellacy, director of the Alabama Traffic Safety Center at the University of Montevallo.

Legislators last year changed the state seat belt law to try to get more people to buckle up.

The law previously required motorists to use seat belts, but they could be stopped for a violation only if they were breaking another law, such as speeding. On Dec. 11, the law changed to allow police to ticket motorists for not wearing a seat belt, even if they were obeying all other laws.

The Legislature acted only after some black lawmakers succeeded in adding a provision that required law enforcement agencies to keep racial statistics on who gets seat belt tickets. Rep. John Rogers, D-Birmingham, led the drive because he feared the law would be used to harass black motorists.

"Police, whether they are black or white, are police, and they have that police mentality, and they target blacks," Rogers said.

The law has been enforced long enough to start showing some trends.

In Birmingham, which is 63 percent black, 65 percent of the tickets went to blacks from January through April.

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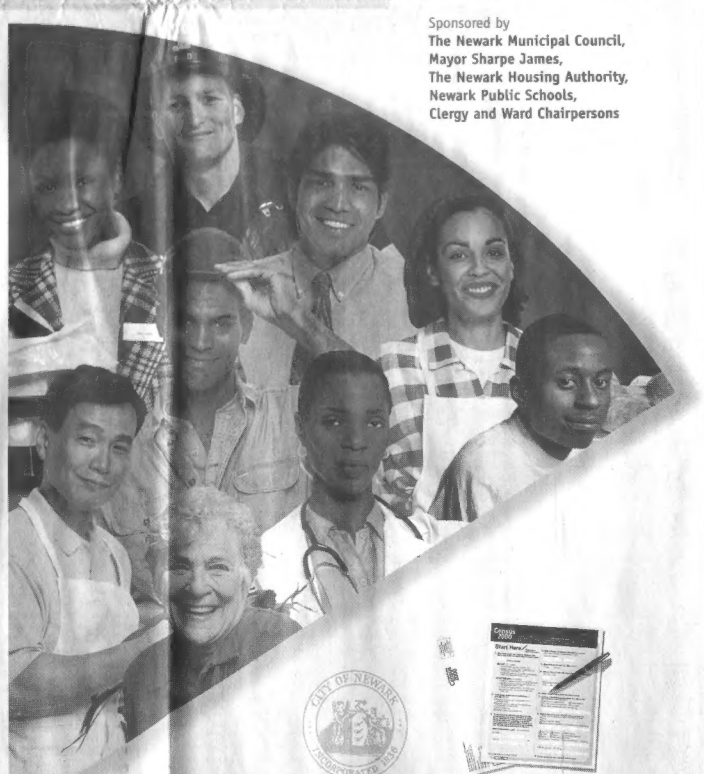
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Preventing gun violence

By Bill Almann

(AP)—From my childhood, I remember that whatever question was asked of my grandfather, he answered, "Huh?"

I never understood the habit then, and to this day, can't say if he was really hard of hearing or just buying time to think of his answer. Since he could hear a baseball game on the radio at 25 yards, I now think it was more of the latter than the former.

So, determined to learn from my elders and not wanting to make it too obvious I'm not always the sharpest tool in the shed, I've been buying time from commentators on the Million March held on Mothers' Day. But unfortunately, its point is no clearer to me now than it was then.

I understand the basic premise was to end gun violence since there aren't a lot of gun violence advocates, the goal is admirable. But all of the resultant discussion has been about the means, not the end goal, and there is rarely a lot of good that comes from such a shift.

Reflecting back to my younger days again, I think of those orange board tests where every true/false question had to be read four or five times because one wrong word made the whole statement false.

As a result, my concern is whether the moms in that march and their supporters really meant to answer true to the statement "I oppose gun violence."

Because, from that stance, it seems to be a natural step on such a polarizing issue to say that gun violence is the only kind of violence to oppose.

Frankly, I don't think there is good violence, so this appears to

be a bigger problem than pure semantics.

The theory that controlling guns controls violence is no more simplistic or less shallow than the argument that guns don't kill people, people do. But it has a lot less chance of being accurate.

The supporters of gun control, which is how the Million March is rightly or wrongly perceived, contend that more laws controlling guns will result in less violence. But there are already laws on the books against killing people by any means, so laws don't solve the problem.

Obviously.

No, the problem is bigger than laws and won't be solved by laws.

The problem is that folks in today's society are looking only for immediate answers and, too often, the immediate answer to a perplexing problem is violence. Taking away guns won't solve that problem, only change it.

Consider that just a generation ago, the sports pages were used to cover sports only. Now way too much space is taken on a daily basis with violence of some sort.

It may be a professional athlete charged with or convicted of some violent act, accompanied by the traditional story from teammates saying they thought he or she was such a great person.

No, the problem with gun violence isn't the guns. It's the violence. And those who continue to raise gun control as the answer simply divert attention and resources from the real problem—and as a result add to the problem. And that's the basic problem behind the Million March—the goal seems clear but isn't.

By Reverend Al Sharpton
President of the National Action Network

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a visionary. He believed in a world where equality and justice are the founding principles upon which society rests.

On March 28, 1963, he led the March on Washington for peaceful and public declaration to the United States that it had created a "color line" and that guaranteed all citizens the "unalienable Rights of Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Standing in front of the Lincoln Memorial, Dr. King declared that America could not honor this sacred obligation until it rid itself of the ills of injustice, particularly police brutality.

Thirty-seven years have passed since Dr. King's march and it is time to re-examine his vision. An abhorrent number of people of color are stopped and searched on our nation's thoroughfares and on neighborhood streets because their skin is of a darker hue. An abominable number of people of color are still subjected to uncontrolled police brutality because America allows the pattern to sustain. Citizens of color should not be forced to endure the discriminatory practices of racial profiling in the 21st century. No longer should citizens be victims of the unseemable horrors of police brutality.

If Dr. King were alive today, he would undoubtedly call us to action yet again.

On Saturday, Aug. 26, Martin Luther King, III and I, along with other religious, civic and community leaders from across the country, will come together to heed that call. We are calling for every conscious, nonviolent citizen to gather with us at the Lincoln Memorial to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. On this day we will stand as a united front, imploring President Clinton and Congress to enact legislation that penalizes offenders of racial profiling and police brutality.

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Let us shake the Capitol with a loud cry because Abner Louima, Tyisha Miller, Anthony Baez, Amos S. Dallas, Gidon Busch, Patrick Dorismond, and other nameless people have been wrongly victimized.

Although the struggle is sometimes bleak, the vision that Martin Luther King Jr. once possessed must continue to live on. It must live on inside each one of us. And it is up to each person to tap into that vision. It is our responsibility to continue to cultivate the creative, talented, and strong people that we are. But as we move toward our vision, we cannot, and will not, bow to injustice. We will not break against the oppressive rod of cruel police. We will march on to redeem the dream!

Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark understood the importance of pressuring abusive officers even when there is virtually no chance of getting a conviction against them. He felt that the "bad apple" theory to spur police and city officials to take stronger action to halt the use of excessive force in their departments.

Clark was right. Reno's failure to aggressively go after cops who gun down unarmed civilians will continue to fuel the dangerous cycle of more shootings and more racial turmoil, and deepen the distrust and cynicism of minorities toward the criminal justice system.

Reno should worry as much about this as she does about dirty cops.

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Business Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

PRINCETON - The Metropolitan Trenton African-American Chamber of Commerce presents its Third Annual Golf Classic at 9 a.m. For further information, call (609) 393-5933.

MONTCLAIR - The Geo-Tech Computer Training School hosts the grand opening of their second location at 11 a.m. For more information, call (973) 783-3500.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

CEDAR GROVE - The New Jersey Tenants Organization will hold its 18th Annual Ronald B. Atlas Leadership Awards Breakfast. For more information, call (201) 342-9776.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Union County Educational Technology Training Center offers computer classes, through June 29. For more information, call (908) 889-3810.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

NEW YORK - The National Minority Business Council will hold its Second Annual International Trade Conference at 8:30 a.m. at the Plaza Conference Center. For more information, call (212) 573-2301, or (212) 573-2385.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

JAMESBURG - The New Jersey's African American Association hosts "Doing Business with State and Local Government" from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For further information, call (609) 393-7707.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

NEW YORK - Professional Women in Convention hosts a networking event from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For further information, call (212) 687-0610.

Urban youth market is big business

By Maryclaire Dale

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Any die-hard basketball fan knows about Allen Iverson's outrageous, and the stylist who weaves designer corncrubs in his hair for each NBA game.

But few know how far his style has spread.

On business trips abroad the past few years, Que Gaskins saw that the 76ers star guard is a big name in Europe, South America and Asia.

"Allen is really more than a basketball phenomenon. He's an urban phenomenon," said Gaskins, 34, who worked on the Iverson merchandise line for six years at Reebok.

At a black music conference Friday in Philadelphia, Gaskins and others told a young audience that their ideas and attitudes set the tone in several billion-dollar industries, from music to food to clothing. They urged the approximately 300 students, who came from JROTC Corps programs around the country, to capitalize on their power.

"If young people don't doubt their influence and where they come from, they could really be bulls in the market," said Jackie Rhinehart, vice president for marketing of black music at Universal Records.

Urban youth set the trends in the music, clothing and refreshment, that American teen-agers buy, she said. And that demographic group buys a lot.

American teen-agers spend \$122 billion a year, or an average of \$80 a week. Younger children, aged 5 to 12, spend another \$14 billion, she said, citing figures from the U.S. Small Business Administration.



"Even though the baby boomers are powerful, generation Y is having an additional impact of \$136 billion," Rhinehart said.

Industry recognizes the power of the youth market, she said, which gives urban youth the opportunity to take part in the robust economy.

As an example, she cited the clothing manufacturer FUBU, which designs NBA apparel and is a top urban clothes manufacturer. The business, which she said, "began when a few young blacks from Queens started selling caps on the street."

"They recognized the value of their own style, and they believed in it," Rhinehart said.

"They were right on time. If they had played by the old paradigm of waiting, going to college, getting their masters degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, and getting a business plan, they would have missed the game," Rhinehart said.

Blackonomics cleaning up!



By James Clingman

I am about to share a simple strategy that, if followed, will help propel Black people to higher economic heights. It's a simple strategy, one that will probably make you ask, "Why haven't we done something like this before?" While there are very good reasons for that, we are at a point now where we as Black people in this country can affect tremendous change in our economic destiny. This strategy is only the beginning of that very necessary change.

There are two things we absolutely must do to reverse our current collective economic situation: Reach a higher level of Black consciousness and redirect just a portion of our consumption spending toward Black-owned businesses.

The first ideal is psychologically based. A greater knowledge and appreciation of who we are and what we must do to get our true freedom will inevitably cause a drastic change in our collective behavior. And consumer depends, to a great degree, upon behavior.

Simply put, Black people must change our behavior when it comes to what, when, how, and why we purchase products and services. We must elevate the act of purchasing to a conscious — not an unconscious — decision. We must understand that no matter how much money we have or how little we have, when we spend that money we are creating wealth for someone else. Our spending habits, or spending behavior, must be supported by education and a consciousness that causes us to critically consider the ramifications of spending 95 percent of our hard-earned dollars with businesses other than our own.

Many companies and individuals are now being viewed as "cleaning up" on our dollars for many years. Don't you think it's time we put a stop to the madness of a people who earn \$500

billion per year always finding itself at the bottom of the economic ladder? Isn't it time we stop simply complaining about various companies discriminating against us and not serving us and calling us names and not promoting us and putting us on their boards? Isn't it time we turn the tables and start doing some "cleaning up" ourselves?

Here's how we start: If you get the latest copy of Target Market News's "Black Buying Power" report, you will see numerous categories of products and services that Black people spend tremendous amounts of money on each year. If you single out one category — say, household cleaning products — you will notice that Black people spend more than \$1 billion on various items from soap powder to pine cleaner to laundry detergent and all of the other things we use daily around our homes.

Now here is the real kicker: If you have not heard, there is a Black-owned, operated, and controlled corporation called the MATAH Network, Inc. that manufactures, warehouses, distributes, and sells household cleaners — the same kinds of cleaners you and I buy from those companies we complain about so often.

Are you getting the picture yet? Is it becoming clearer? Well, picture this: If Black people simply — and I emphasize "simply" — change our purchasing habits from those household cleaners we have bought for generations and buy the MATAH cleaning products, we will have created the largest single Black-owned business in the world!

I am talking about a \$1.4 billion business in one category of one industry. How's that for cleaning up?

On a simple act, one simple purchase, can be the beginning of real economic freedom for our people.

New President/CEO named for Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority

ATLANTIC CITY — Speros A. Batistatos, Fellow Certified Destination Management Executive, former President/CEO of Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau in Hammond, Indiana, has been appointed the executive director of the Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority, announced Mark Juliano, Chairman of the Board, ACC&VA.

Batistatos will carry the title of President/CEO, as has become the industry standard. The appointment is subject to final confirmation by the Governor's office.

Batistatos' responsibility to the Authority is to mount and lead an aggressive marketing program to support the region's \$8 billion tourism industry and its 34 million annual visitors.

In his capacity as President/CEO of the Authority, Batistatos will also serve as contract administrator of the operating agreement with SMG, a public assembly facility management company, hired to operate



Speros A. Batistatos, File photo

the Convention Center and Boardwalk Hall. The Authority, with a marketing budget of \$9,000,624, has 175 employees who report to Batistatos.

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According to Batistatos, "I am very excited about working with the Board of Directors and the staff in making Atlantic City the destination of choice for conventioners and visitors. You can certainly sense the commitment and enthusiasm of all the stakeholders."

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According to a report by Packaged Facts*, black people are highly receptive to financial services that are marketed to them. Example: Deluxe Corporation, by creating a check series commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, exceeded their market projections by 15%.

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Minority Business-to-Business Directory

The *Minority Business-to-Business Directory* is a directory of minority- and woman-owned businesses and companies committed to doing business with minorities. The *Directory* networks minority businesses, identifies minority and women businesses with whom public and private sector businesses and agencies can contract for products and services, and exposes a growing force of minority businesses to the general consumer. The *Directory* features listings and advertising as well as provides a resource guide for minority and women entrepreneurs and potential entrepreneurs to help facilitate starting and maintaining a business. The *Minority Business-to-Business Directory* includes listings from public and private sector businesses and agencies, minority- and woman-owned business and small businesses. A delineation of ownership is provided with each listing. The *Minority Business-to-Business Directory* is a tool for the growth and expansion of minority and women entrepreneurs and economic development in the African-American community.



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Positively Black

By Jonathan Stanton
Ricardo

Let's Work Hard For Ourselves

Puncturing the lie that, compared to successive waves of immigrants, Africans were shiftless and lazy, David Anderson reflects this theme in his best-selling book, "Black Labor, White Wealth."

"If the Japanese, Chinese and the Germans were the hardest workers, would it not have made more sense for colonial white society to have enslaved the Japanese, Chinese or Germans rather than Blacks who were allegedly lazy and unwilling to work? Why would supposedly bright businessmen spend 250 years traveling halfway around the world to kidnap 35 million to 50 million innocent but lazy blacks, then knowingly bring them to America to do work that other ethnic groups could do better?" questions Anderson.

The truth of the matter is this country was built on the uncompensated labor, energy and ingenuity of our African ancestors who did not ask to come here, for whom America was not the land of opportunity. European investors, trading companies and settlers became rich not only via African muscle and sweat but from our African know-how, creativity and genius. How perchance did heretofore starving and backward Europeans learn how to cultivate rice, tobacco or sugar cane? Were these crops grown in Europe?

Europeans entered into "trade" negotiations with Africans, and later the indigenous inhabitants of the Western Hemisphere, but had nothing of real value to trade. They came looking for gold — which the West Africans had in great abundance, along with salt and other foodstuffs. In the New World, Europeans discovered sugarcane, tobacco, the white potato and a myriad of exotic foodstuffs.

European imperialism resulted in invasion, colonialism, slavery, forced labor, massive social disruption and death for people of color worldwide. For centuries it produced an improved standard of living, better living conditions, varied varieties of food, incredible wealth and society transforming opportunities.

It is fairly obvious that Africans are hard workers. Lazy people don't produce highly evolved societies or empires, and that is what the Eurasians found when they voyaged into North Africa in antiquity. That is what the Arabs and Berbers found when they crossed the Sahara before settling in East Africa.

If Blacks were so lazy, why would the Spanish and Portuguese turn to Africa once they had decimated the indigenous populations of the Caribbean after a few short years of contact?

The fact of the matter is European monarchs and soldiers of fortune weren't going to conscript European whites to do their dirty work. The Southern Europeans were just coming out of a prolonged period of turmoil, backwardness and disease, aided by the Moors and Arabs who brought the light of learning and high culture to Europe. So they turned to Africa because they were familiar with Africans as trustworthy people.

Hard work is not the issue. The issue facing us now is this: who will benefit from our hard work?

Religion Calendar

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

NEW YORK — The Riverside Church "Rap Writers & Performance Workshop" will be held at 7 p.m. For additional information, call (212) 870-6739.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

NEWARK — The First Mount Zion Baptist Church presents their "First Barbécue" fund-raiser from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (973) 242-4173.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

NEWARK — The Youth Congress of the Church of God in Christ presents their 2nd Annual Youth Exposition, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. For further information, call (973) 375-6072.

Church bombing case includes mix of new, old witnesses

By Jay Reeves

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Camera in hand, James Edward Lay was one of the first people to arrive after a dynamite bomb exploded outside the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, killing four black girls.

Nearly 27 years later, Lay — who once claimed to have photos of the bombers but refused to testify in a previous trial — could be a witness in the murder case against two ex-Ku Klux Klansman accused in the blast.

Court records show Lay was among those subpoenaed to appear as a witness before grand jurors who indicted Bobby Frank Cherry and Thomas E. Blanton Jr. last month in the Sept. 15, 1963, bombing.

Others called before the panel include former state Rep. Bob Gafford; Cherry's son, Thomas Frank Cherry, a former Klansman; William L. Jackson, and Bob Eddy, a state investigator whose work helped pave the way for the trial 23 years ago of Robert Chambliss, the KKK member convicted in the bombing.

Grand jury proceedings are secret under state law, and it was unknown whether Lay or the others actually testified.

Long identified as suspects in the bombing, Cherry and Blanton have maintained their innocence for decades.

Lay, who refused to testify during Chambliss' trial, declined comment Friday on whether he was assisting prosecutors. "I'm very busy," he said.

Lay's attorney, friend Shelley Stewart said Lay likely could help if he overcame the deep-seated fear that has gripped him since the morning of the bombing.

"James Lay had that camera in his hand everywhere," said Stewart. "But the man is afraid. How afraid? AFRAID."

Authorities have said they have new evidence in the bomb-



Cynthia Wesley Carol Robertson



Denise McNair Addie Mae Collins

ing, but U.S. Attorney Doug Jones has declined comment on what that information may be.

Lay was a leader of a group of blacks who once worked as a private security force in Birmingham, where there were no black police at the time and the police force was widely believed to have KKK infiltrators.

Lay lived only a few blocks from the church and usually monitored a police radio, Stewart said. He came running after the dynamite bomb shattered the calm of a Sunday morning.

"He was there in no time," said Stewart, a longtime Birmingham radio personality.

Stewart said he arrived within 20 minutes of the bombing, and Lay excitedly told him he had taken pictures of the bombers as they ran away from the church.

Stewart, however, have said the device was placed hours earlier and it was not known whether the bombers were still in the area when it detonated.

Lay also identified Blanton as

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being one of two men he saw outside the church two weeks before the bombing, according to "Until Justice Rolls Down," a book about the bombing by former newspaper reporter Frank Sikora.

Speaking in a 1997 interview with "The Birmingham News," Lay said Birmingham police threatened to kill him shortly after he attempted to report what he had seen at the church.

"It's never too late for anyone to harm me," Lay said in the interview.

Other potential witnesses called before the grand jury included a mix of people whose names have been linked to the case for decades and others who became involved only in recent years.

Records show those who were subpoenaed include:

• Bob Eddy, a retired state investigator whose work played a large role in obtaining the Chambliss conviction.

• Former State Rep. Bob

Gafford, who was a friend of Chambliss and appeared in Cherry's Cherry telephoned Gafford shortly after being questioned by Eddy in the 1970s, according to the book about the bombing. Gafford declined comment on any involvement in the current case.

William L. Jackson, a former KKK member who testified during the Chambliss trial that Chambliss and Blanton were together at a sign shop near the Sixteenth Street church the night before the bombing.

Jackson also testified that Chambliss and Blanton ran a KKK meeting held one week before the bombing in which someone complained that members of another Klan group were "dragging their feet" in opposing the civil rights movement.

Charles Wayne Brogdon, who first appeared before a federal grand jury last year and later told reporters Cherry claimed to have built the bomb. Brogdon is the brother of Willard Brogdon, the second of Cherry's five wives.

Thomas Frank Cherry, Cherry's estranged son, the younger Cherry has waived publicly in supporting his father's alibi of being together the night of the bombing. Tom Cherry's daughter, Teresa Stacy, testified before the grand jury and told reporters Bobby Cherry bragged of his involvement in the bombing.

Eddy said he was hopeful that Lay and others who refused to testify against Chambliss would help build the case against Cherry and Blanton.

He was encouraged by the apparent involvement of the men's relatives.

It was hard to get them to testify in 1977, he said.

Killed in the bombing were 11-year-old Denise McNair and Cynthia Wesley, Caroline Robertson and Addie Mae Collins, all 14.

Prayer Corner

The lighter side of life (continued)

Late night talks with your roommate that keep you from sleeping.
Having someone play with your hair.

Swinging on swings.
Wrapping presents under the Christmas tree while eating cookies and drinking eggnog.

Song lyrics printed inside your new CD so you can sing along without feeling stupid.
Making eye contact with a cute stranger.

Winning a really competitive game.
Having chocolate chip cookies.

Having your friends send you homemade cookies.
Spending time with close friends.

Seeing smiles and hearing laughter from your friends...
Holding hands with someone you care about.

Running into an old friend and realizing that some things (good or bad) never change.
Discovering that love is unconditional and stronger than time.

Riding the best coasters over and over again.
Hugging the person you love.

Watching the look on someone's face when they open a much desired present from you.
Watching the sunrise.

Getting out of bed every morning and thanking God for another beautiful day...

Seeing is believing

By Dennis and Barbara Rainey

For we walk by faith, not by sight. — 2 Corinthians 5:7

As a young man, I realized that struggling over questions that can't be answered on this side of Heaven's gate was a waste of time. Why spend life questioning every minute detail of the Christian life when there are so many obvious truths that cannot be ignored?

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I knew the Bible to be true. We have more evidence that today's Bible is what was originally written than any other historical document of its age.

Science and archaeology continue to prove (rather than disprove) the Bible's historical accuracy. And its central theme remains clear: God loves mankind and wants to redeem men and women to Himself.

It tells us how to live. It gives us hope in the face of death. And it contains the best set of blueprints for building a home (a marriage and family) that I've ever seen.

One additional truth helped erase my doubts. I know that the risen Lord Jesus Christ lived in

me. He came to change my life. As I focused on the facts of Christianity, I began to see the scales

of faith tip toward belief. I began to base my life on what I knew to be true.

Give Thanks

Take time to give thanks for all God's blessings. Most importantly, find the blessings in your life and know that He is with you.

GospelFest 2000 winners



The Carter Sisters were the McDonald's 2000 GospelFest winners, along with Glenn Adams from Plainfield and the Youth Choir from the Hudson School Chorus. The event took place June 4 at NJPAC.

Obituary

Jacob Lawrence, 82, Painter

SEATTLE (AP) — Painter Jacob Lawrence, whose stark images in bold colors illuminated the black experience in such paintings as the celebrated "Migration" series, died recently. He was 82.

Lawrence died in his sleep at his Seattle home, said Peter Nesbitt, director of the Jacob and Gwendolyn Lawrence Family Foundation.

He was an extraordinary modernist painter that successfully balanced an interest in the abstract principles of painting and a strong commitment to social issues, Nesbitt said.

Lawrence was just 21 when he fulfilled his early promise as an artist and a witness to history in 1939 with a series of works depicting the 19th century slave rebellion in Haiti and a 63-work series on the lives of American

abolitionists Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass.

When he was 23, he applied his vivid narrative style to "Migration," a 60-painting work depicting the movement of black Americans north to jobs and hope.

The work was an immediate success, featured in "Forbes" magazine and shown at New York's Downtown Gallery by prestigious art dealer Edith Halpert in late 1941.

"Migration" was sold soon after completion. The even-numbered panels went to the New York Museum of Modern Art and the odd-numbered ones to the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C., but the series has been reunited several times for exhibit. It. The 18 by 12-inch panels were seen around the nation from 1993 to 1995.

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Local Briefs

LEGISLATOR DEFENDS MOVE TO RESTRICT USE OF CENSUS FIGURES

TRENTON (AP)—A ranking Democrat recently took to the floor of the state Assembly warning that his plan to restrict how census figures are used is the product of a conspiracy to keep minorities from being truly represented in Congress, and in state legislatures.

His proposal had already been roundly panned by a host of fellow Democrats and Republicans had been assailed as the product of a conspiracy to keep minorities from being truly represented in Congress, and in state legislatures.

It is a vast, right-wing conspiracy, they told me at Assemblyman Michael P. Carroll, (R-Morris), said a few days after his bill passed.

Carroll is the author of New Jersey's version of a law forcing those who receive legislative districts to use only the actual head count produced by the federal census.

A practicing attorney, Carroll said the idea for the bill was his. It came after he spotted a U.S. Supreme Court decision, where sampling supporters tried to base the number of congressional representatives on the basis of opinion polls, Carroll said. "This is my own invention," Carroll said of the bill. "When the case came out, I quickly realized it was going to be a problem."

Democrats and other opponents want population figures that include some sort of statistical sampling. They say the head count — or, in other words, undercounts minorities, city residents, and recent immigrants along with, with more whites and more affluent suburbs, benefits from a seemingly higher population. That gets them more representation in both the state and federal governments, he said.

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CITY FIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD OVER FENCED PROPERTY

ELIZABETH — New Jersey State is planning the sale of property to the city of Elizabeth that the Board of Education wants to condemn for school construction.

A Superior Court judge recently ordered the Board of Education to remove padlocks from the four-acre property at Turnbull and Division Streets.

According to Kelly Stewart Maer of New Jersey Transit, NJ Transit has a tentative agreement to sell the property, a former bus depot, to the city. Mayor Chris Bollaghe asked the City Council for approval of a \$520,000 emergency appropriation.

Bollaghe wants the property for housing, retail and possible office development.

HEALTH CARE HEARINGS CONCLUDE

NEW BRUNSWICK — A recent Senate Health Committee public hearing, doctors, patients, and health-care workers expressed concern for a large health insurance net, better mental health services, more nurses, higher-reimbursement rates.

The hearing, held at Rutgers University, was the last in a series of open forums sponsored by Senate President Donald DiFrancesco.

Senators plan to draft a package of health care reform bills, some of which could include giving patients the right to sue insurance companies, improving health care for minorities, and increasing insurance to poor families and small business employees.

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Newark students 'stand and deliver'

NEWARK — The Caucus Education, headed by Emmy Award-winning television anchor and communication coach Steve Aduabo, Ph.D., recently held its first-ever "Night of Eloquence" at the North Ward Center in Newark.

The "Night of Eloquence" was the culmination of a six-month pilot project dubbed "Stand & Deliver: Communication Tools for Tomorrow's Leaders," in which approximately 60 young people from in and around the Newark area participated in communication training workshops led by Aduabo and his team of "Stand & Deliver" professionals. The goal of these workshops was to improve the basic communication skills of inner city students, and provide them with the tools they need to compete for future employment.

On Friday, June 2, these students "showed their stuff" in speeches, dramatizations and other performances, which were attended by their communication coaches, families, and government officials from the Newark area.

"It was a very special night," says Aduabo. "It was an opportunity for young people in Newark to demonstrate that they can, in fact, 'Stand & Deliver' and make a compelling and concise presentation. This translates into being able to compete for better jobs and succeeding academically and in life. As someone who was born and raised in Newark, and who works in the communication field, this is an especially exciting project for me."

Both personally and professionally, "Stand & Deliver" students were recruited from the Newark Youth Leadership Project, which includes the following non-profit organizations: Catholic Community Services, Greater Newark Conservancy, New Community Corporation, La Casa de Don Pedro, and the North Ward Center.

Participating students also came from the following Newark area schools: St. Benedict's Prep, Seton Hall Prep, and Mary Lawn of the Oranges.

Funding for "Stand & Deliver" has been provided by the Lucien Technologies Foundation, The Victoria Foundation, Bell Atlantic and Chase Manhattan Bank.



One of the students involved with the "Stand & Deliver" project. Photo courtesy of Stand & Deliver.

Corzine

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peaking to certain groups on behalf of the candidate.

Corzine made a cold call to her while she was working as Director of Media Relations at Lambert, on the strength of what he had heard from a variety of different people. What was supposed to be a one-on-one conversation turned into a five-hour discussion that encompassed their respective vision of what America should be and how the concepts of a perfect union and how a great society could become a reality. She took him to a Democratic State Committee meeting to meet some key players in the party, and on the way back from the meeting he asked her to join his team.

After her superior credentials aside, Davis says the black woman has a unique perspective to bring to the table. She says that there is a new day dawning in politics, the economy, and institutional information.

Because African-American women have historically been the ones to go with the flow in a challenge situation, we have the common sense solutions to major issues.

In the urban strategy they subsequently developed, Davis says that the black vote was very significant in Corzine's primary election win. "We're still going through the numbers, but what

we found in a preliminary look at the urban vote Atlantic City, Trenton, Camden, New Brunswick, Newark, was precedent setting," Davis said. District 40, which is the largest voting district in the Central Ward gave rendered Corzine 919 votes, opposed to 20 for Florio.

Corzine received approximately 60,000 votes in Essex County with 20,000 coming from Newark to Florio's 14,000 votes. "It was an overwhelming response from Jon's outreach into the African-American community."

What she is most proud of in her boss is that he never changed his message throughout his various audiences; an observation many others have made while Corzine was on the campaign stump. This message had to do with money, and Davis, who points to the presidential campaign of Ross Perot and Steve Forbes as evidence.

That all the press about the \$30 million-plus spent in the primary campaign is a non-story. "If you don't have a message to sell to people, they will reject anything being offered, money aside," she said. "People know a phony right away, and we won by 16 points for a reason."

Now that the primary is over, she says, she has a rough idea of the plans for the campaign toward the General Election begins.

"We're going to take our message to the people, and we're going to make sure we're talking the problems of the big

orders of business was to trim the campaign staff, in Corzine's words, "run very leanly for a period of time." The staff was reduced about 20 people, which included Steve Goldstein, who along with Davis was at the helm of the Corzine campaign.

Corzine, who received 58 percent of the vote, recently met with former Governor Jim Florio to discuss what was important in retaining Senator Lautenberg's seat in the Democratic Party and how Florio's expertise can lend itself to an election success. True to the adage that "There are no permanent friends; there are no permanent enemies," Davis reported that the two had "a terrific conversation: where the former rivals emerged going forward toward the mutual goal."

Conciliation is one of the values that Davis learned from her father, who was one of the life lessons were seasoned with the art of compromise and the power of prayer. "It's reinforced all the time," she says. "When I had a huge problem, I went home and gave it to God. Add to this examples from many mentors and role models, including Congressman D'Alred Payne for his focus on Africa, former Mayor James J. Gibson for taking the problems of big

industrial city at a time of great volatility, Jerry Zazzali, who is to be inducted into the State Supreme Court this month and former Princeton Junction Mayor Michelle Tuck-Fonder.

But one of the relationships and lessons learned that remain closest to her heart were with "Steel Magnolias" Wynona Lipman, and in looking at Davis you see reflections of the Lipman smile, graciousness, focus, and poise.

There is not a person that has had more of an impact on my life than Senator Lipman," Davis reflects. "When I think decision-making and strategy, I think about the lessons that she taught me. In terms of the 20th Century, she was one of the most important New Jerseyans for a variety of reasons."

As Corzine takes a break from campaigning, Davis will take a few days off from managing. It will be the first time she has had some free time in about 18 months and she's going to treat her niece and nephew to a few days in Bermuda.

"I'm so excited," she said, flashing a wide smile.

She's too busy concentrating on the November election to dwell on what her next move will be.

"I don't know what the future holds, I can just tell you that this is the best experience I've ever had. Jon and I have done some positive things together and what I am doing here has been my pleasure."

Abbott schools balk at new rules

By Kathleen Cannon

TRENTON — It's hard enough to revamp an elementary school from the ground up.

Now urban superintendents face the daunting task of

attituting wholesale change in middle and high schools.

The state Board of Education recently adopted new regulations forcing New Jersey's 30 so-called special needs school districts to scrap educational plans in their secondary schools and replace them with new ones.

State officials defend the new mandate as necessary to improve the poor schools' failing academic performance.

But local school officials and state critics say the poor schools already have enough to do. They also say so-called whole school reform in the higher grades has not been thoroughly researched.

The new mandate also runs afoul of a 1998 state Supreme Court ruling that ordered changes only in elementary schools, critics charge.

There are several models employing various methods under the overall umbrella of whole school reform. For example, the state's favored model for elementary schools, *Success for All*, stresses small class sizes, intense tutoring in reading, staff retraining, and innovative budgeting.

The state wants to be a step ahead of research to prevent any academic drop-off from occurring when elementary school students graduate from their innovative programs to under performing middle schools, said officials.

But David S. Cohen of the Education Law Center, which sued the staff on behalf of poor school pupils, said it is premature for the state to order such a massive retooling.

Special needs middle and high schools must still implement a menu of supplemental programs as well as rigorous curriculum standards previously ordered by the court, he said.

Still, two special needs superintendents, including one who jump-started the state's mandate in his higher grades, were not impressed.

Union colleges launches learning labs

ELIZABETH — On Friday, May 26, two new community learning labs were simultaneously placed into use on the Elizabeth campus of Union County College and the Elizabeth Public Library. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was broadcast live from the College's campus.

Television to another lab located in the Elizabeth Public Library. The community learning lab is the culmination of much planning and effort on the part of the College, the Elizabeth Public Library, and the Housing Authority of the City of Elizabeth and have been made possible through significant funding assistance from the Technology Opportunities Program of the United States Department of Commerce.

A third learning lab located at a Housing Authority site will join the network in the near future. Participating in the ceremony were Dr. Thomas H. Brown, UCC President; Phillip Connelly, Business Administrator for the City of Elizabeth; Joseph Keenan, Director of the Elizabeth Public Library; Jose Sabater, HOPE 6 Coordinator for the Housing Authority; and Isabel Baquero, President of the Library Board of Trustees.



Observers watch as the learning lab technology is demonstrated with this distance learning example. (Joe photo)

The learning labs are the heart of the Community Learning Network Project, which has been designed to utilize technology in education of unemployed, underemployed, and non-English speaking populations. They will follow by "Computer Basics" course followed by programmed instruction in high school equivalency (GED), improving English skills (English as a Second Language), adult reading and literacy, and vocational areas like office

skills, keyboarding, and job training.

The courses will be offered free to students and are the result of a \$429,996 federal grant Union County College received from the federal government's Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program and a match of \$574,896 in funds from the College.

With this project, UCC is partnering with the Elizabeth Public Library and the Housing

Authority of the City of Elizabeth to connect unemployed and underemployed youths and adults to the College's lifelong learning literacy and vocational training programs. At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, UCC demonstrated the technology that will be available in the three learning labs and interactive classrooms.

According to Union County College President Thomas H. Brown, "The College is honored that the U.S. Department of

Commerce has shown confidence in Learning Network and its three partners by providing funding to make it a reality. It is my hope that the project will improve the level of literacy and job skills of the educationally and economically disadvantaged population to better their chances for employment and allow them to become economically self-sufficient."

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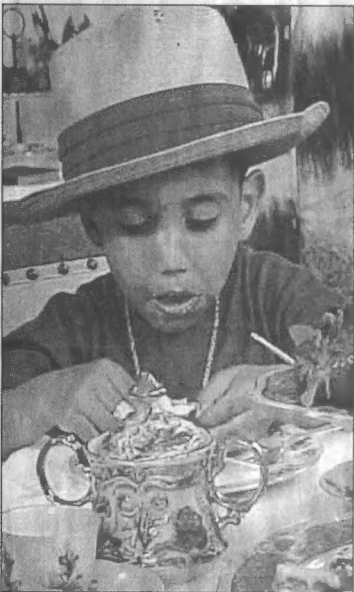
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Tea anyone? Children learn lessons in etiquette



Samantha manipulates the cookie with her tea.



Young gent Sakiel enjoys the tea party.



Trevor decides to drink his tea from a spoon.

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

There is nothing like authenticity. And at the Antique Castle located at 900 Park Ave., in Plainfield where there is 20 rooms of authentic treasures, event coordinator, Alia Souels, has resurrected a time of days gone by. A time when Chantilly lace, English linens, bone china, scones, fresh-cut flowers and an exquisitely set table were associated with a high tea party — an English tradition still carried out today across the Atlantic.

Souels, 23, who stumbled upon the idea of hosting tea parties at the Castle, is in awe of the tremendous fanfare the parties have received.

"Basically one of our customers came in here and said this place would be great for a tea party," said Souels. "Then another customer, Flora, came here one day after church and she was all dressed up in a hat and I mentioned to her how we'd love to have a tea party here." And the rest is history.

Flora Ross, 55, who is a native of London, England, knew the tradition well because she lived it. Coming from a decorative background having worked as a visual merchandiser for J.C. Penney, Ross soon transformed the idea of Souels into a reality. At the helm as consultant and orchestrator, Ross along with Souels held the first tea party at the Castle four months ago. Today the concept has evolved into bookings all the way up

until March of 2001 for children's birthday parties, baby showers, socials and any occasion to have tea.

"We had a birthday party for a five-year-old little girl with about 15 guests," said Souels. "The girls all gather into one room and Flora goes into the room and tells them that they've been invited to have tea with the Queen and they must dress properly." A real make believe fantasy.

The Castle provides a trunk of fancy hats, boas, gloves and other feminine accessories that the little tykes get to roam through and dress up in to prepare for the party. They make necklaces, do cake decorating and for the little boys they have fun with dinosaur puzzles.

"They're mesmerized at being young ladies," said Ross, who has lived in the U.S. for 34 years and is ecstatic about doing something she totally loves. "It creates an atmosphere of 'Alice in Wonderland.' We should be trained up as young ladies. I like for it to be an unforgettable afternoon."

Etiquette is the name of the game and the children have responded whole heartily. The Girl Scouts have latched onto the idea and now Brownie and Girl Scout troops can earn badges by learning about the past and etiquette. Souels, who attended charm school as a young girl recognizes the importance of knowing how to do things properly and wants to spread this long lost culture into the community.



Getting ready for the party.



Samantha and guest get lessons on using their "pinkies up."



Flora Ross, formerly of England, enjoys giving tea parties for ages 4 through 80.



Alia Souels says the tea party is one of her favorite programs at The Castle.

New upscale dining delight opens in Newark

By Kaylyn Kendall Dines

Maize is more than a new restaurant located on the ground-level of the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark.

It is an upscale, dining treasure. The New York City ambiance, dynamic decor and splendid service prepares each guest for an amazing taste of American cuisine that has a French and Mediterranean twist.

Owner Stephanie Voulgaris, of Port Lee, describes her restaurant, which is located across the street from the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), as "a theater."

"The script is the menu and all of us here are actors. When the doors open, the service is a show," Voulgaris said.

While Voulgaris invested more than \$700,000 on the interior design, Miles Berger, chairman of the Berger Hotel Corporation and owner of The Robert Treat Hotel, designated more than \$1.6 million for construction costs.

The interior of the restaurant is decorated with earth tones and a variety of textures which help to create a cozy, New York City supper-club atmosphere. Toni Chi & Associates, of New York, designed the Maize restaurant to resemble a "loft" which has two levels and large custom-made light fixtures.

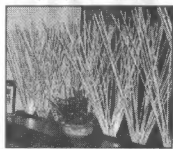
On the lower level, the restaurant has a quaint "tea room" for mingling and a grand piano for live music. Comfortable leather chairs, over-sized ottomans, sofas and bookshelves that are built into the wall provide the look of a richly designed den.

Determined not to be swayed by critics who urged her not to open her restaurant in Newark, Voulgaris opens daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The Maize staff also can accommodate those who seek catered events, a business lunch or dinner following a show at NJPAC.

Voulgaris managed food and beverage operations at the Holiday Inn North, Howard Johnson near Newark International Airport, and the Holiday Inn in Rummageade

Maize
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prior to opening Maize. In that role, she was an integral part of transforming this service at the

Holiday Inn North from its ranking of last in the nation to first in less than six months, according to the Holiday Inn's Guest Service Tracking System for its 1,500 hotels.

She and her husband Paul Voulgaris, who were both born in Greece, are committed to making customers feel welcome. They can be seen greeting many guests at the restaurant with open arms.

The staff, who is dressed in black and white with sleek gold vests, provide top-notch service.

According to Stephanie Voulgaris, "one of our goals is to take you away from everyday life and through food and wine take you to a different level. We want to make that moment an unforgettable one."

For Starters: A selection of more than 70 exceptional wines are offered at Maize that will complement the fabulous cuisine by Executive Chef Pat Kotsionis. This includes white, red and sparkling wines that range from the crisp to the robust.

If you enjoy blue cheese, the Endive Salad is a great choice which has shaved beets, a sprinkling of walnuts and mustard vinaigrette on Belgian lettuce.

A "Fruit Soup" is a refreshingly light way to begin a meal which features slices of pineapples, grapes, strawberries, oranges, kiwi in a clear broth of cinnamon stick and other spices.

A tender cut of grilled tuna with a green bean sauce is also another superb choice.

The Meal: The current menu, which Kotsionis will alter from month to month, features poultry, various meats, a meatless stew and seafood. Two flavorful entrees include: Roasted Chicken and Cornmeal-Coated Catfish.

The Roasted Chicken is served on the bone and nicely prepared with roasted shallot potato purée (mashed potatoes), asparagus in a chive sauce. Three words describe this entree: tender and tasty.

The creatively decorated Cornmeal-Coated Catfish is prepared with a corn, black bean and tomato salsa. A pleasing choice for those who enjoy catfish.



Maize's posh decor has attracted some of New Jersey's most influential figures at its opening. Entree prices range from \$15.95 with the most expensive item on the menu — a duo of filet mignon of beef and short ribs costing \$24.95. Photos by William E. Frazer



Bartender at Maize



Stephanie Voulgaris, restaurateur

Plainfield students collect \$225 for charity

PLAINFIELD — "Mrs. Bandomer seems to bring out the best in her students. We are so grateful to her, to her students and their families and staff of Plainfield High School for their generous donations to the Dollar a Dose campaign for malaria treatment in Mozambique," said the Rev. Peggy Hodgkins of Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit.

Rev. Hodgkins and Jo-ann Bandomer had never heard of

one another until Mrs. J. Bandomer read an article in a newspaper about how Calvary Church was collecting money to pay for malaria treatment in Mozambique.

Bandomer's class was already collecting money for another project. Her students volunteered to attend parent conferences and raise money from students, their parents and staff.

Having begun with pocket

change in a mug on Mrs. J. Bandomer's desk, they raised \$225.

They bought \$30 worth of personal products for DVFS to distribute to children moved on an emergency basis. They bought \$25 worth of blankets for another drive, 10,000 Blankets for Mozambique.

The remaining \$175 they sent to Calvary Church to forward to Mozambique. That money will pay for 175 weeks

Collection to aid flood stricken Mozambicans

NEWARK Between 800,000 and one million Mozambicans have been left homeless due to heavy flooding and an extensive damage from Cyclone Eline in February, according to United Nations estimates. Two Summit residents who visited Mozambique last fall urge area residents to help those in need.

"Crowded temporary housing, inferior hygiene and pools of standing water all increase the risk of malaria outbreaks in the affected areas," said the Reverend Peggy Hodgkins, of Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit, who visited the Anglican Diocese of Limbombe, Mozambique, last fall with Lillian Cochran. Under the "Dollar-a-Dose" program, every \$1 contributed will buy a week's worth of malaria treatment for a

resident of the Diocese of Limbombe.

To contribute to the "Dollar a Dose" program, please drop cash or a check in the specially-marked jar at the back of Calvary Church. Or please send a check made out to Calvary Episcopal Church, marked "Dollar a Dose" to Calvary Episcopal Church, 31 Woodland Avenue, Summit, NJ, 07901.

The Episcopal Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief has already contributed a \$25,000 emergency relief grant to the Diocese of Limbombe. The Fund will send more donations toward rehabilitation of lives, property and organizations as they are received.

To help, please send a check marked "Mozambique" to "The Fund", P.O. Box 12043, Newark, NJ, 07101.

It Only Takes a Minute!

Many well-meaning parents have done it. On a hectic day of errand-running or shuttling children, they've left the kids in the car "just for a minute" while running that quick errand or while dropping another child off at school or an activity. It seems like a harmless thing to do, and it saves time during the daily rush.

But it is never wise to leave a child unattended in an automobile — not even for a minute. This is important to remember as we enter the busy and hot summer

months. In less than a minute, a child can climb out of a car seat and shift the car into gear. A minute can be all it takes for a child to become ill from heat or car fumes. And it only takes a minute for someone to break into a vehicle and abduct a child.

It's easy to underestimate the time a child will be left alone in an automobile. We've all had the experience of standing in the unexpected line or of running into someone we know, having a conversation and losing track of

time. Children's health experts warn that when the outside temperature is only in the high 70's, a closed automobile can heat up to 125 degrees within 15 minutes. Even with the windows cracked, a small child can dehydrate within minutes. The results of this can be tragic.

So, as we begin this summer season, make yourself a promise: each time you take your keys from your car, take your children too. It only takes a minute.

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1996	Community Service Award Urban League of Urban County	1991	Founder's Day Award Omega Psi Phi		

Heartbeat Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

BERGEN COUNTY - The Bergen County Department of Health Services holds adult HIV counseling and hearing screenings at 9:30 p.m. For more information, call (201) 335-8552.

MIDDELTOWN - The Monmouth County Health Department offers "Aerobics" classes, through July 24. For more information, call (732) 642-4500.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

NEW BRUNSWICK - St. Peter's University Hospital hosts a nicotine dependency support group at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (732) 937-5050.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

WAYNE - The Masonic Mountainview Lodge hosts a blood drive sponsored by the Blood Center of New Jersey at 8 a.m. For more information, call (908) BLOOD NJ.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

RESHMAN STATION - The Alzheimer's Association hosts the 13th Annual Alzheimer's Polo Classic. For more information, call (973) 316-0676.

PASSICAN - American Cancer Society and Merck & Co. Inc. present a rock race and fun walk. For more information, call (908) 423-3974.

SOUTH ORANGE - The Blood Center of New Jersey hosts a blood drive at Our Lady of Sorrows Church at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call (800) BLOOD NJ.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

NEW BRUNSWICK - Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital offers a women's support group at 7:30 p.m. For further information, call (732) 418-8110.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

NEW BRUNSWICK - Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital offers an epilepsy support group at 7:30 p.m. For further information, call (732) 418-8110.

NEW BRUNSWICK - Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital offers a Crohn's and Colitis Support group at 7 p.m. For further information, call (732) 418-8110.

ROGER MITCHELL - A gun to your head is a health issue, said Mitchell. "Getting shot is a health issue. It directly affects the mortality and morbidity of an individual. That was the catalyst born from a POP rally I spoke at."

What Mitchell is currently undertaking is the genesis of a national proposed study that will document both the physical and mental injuries of families who have been subjected to police abuse. Mitchell, who cited the incident in which a 17-year-old Earl Faison, who died while in the custody of the Orange Police, and Faison's father recently suffering a heart attack as a basis.

"The study will look at the incidents and severity of police violence," said Mitchell. "There needs to be a gauge. A record of physical abuse is necessary to be documented - an active surveillance system."

Mitchell's study will involve the Student National Medical Association around the nation at various medical schools to aid in the documentation of police reported violence data.

According to Mitchell, if a person is abused by a police officer and taken to the hospital for treatment, it is not documented how the person received or sustained his/her injuries, and this is what he wants to see changed.

Mitchell feels it is important to have this data studied from a statistical point to compile an accurate occurrence of police abuse as it relates to injuries sustained by an individual.

"This will start off as a pilot study," said Mitchell, whose former position as a biological lab manager for the technician at the Federal Bureau of Investigation exposed him to all kind of violence. "I want national public officials to identify this problem."

Mitchell, who will venture into the medical field of forensic pathology upon graduation, is in the process of revising the consent form that would give him access to the "police use of force report form" needed to conduct the study, which then will have to be approved by the National Association of Directors of the Student National Medical Association.

Upon approval, he will write the protocol of the study and solicit support from various emergency rooms. Mitchell, who has reached out to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, is in the process of soliciting money from public health institutions to embark upon the two-year study.

Tentatively scheduled to speak at the National Medical Association's conference in August in Washington D.C., Mitchell and SNMA, along with Physicians for Human Rights, American Medical Student Association, and Student Activist Response, recently held a forum which addressed "Police Brutality: A Clinical Perspective," where Dr. Daniel Neuspel of Albert Einstein College of Medicine, who is a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility, spoke at UMDNJ.

"The number one killer of black males between the ages of 15-34 is homicide," said Mitchell. And this fact is documented in President Clinton's "Healthy People 2010" initiative, which states: "Homicide

is the leading cause of death for women between the ages of 22 and 44. The nine cities are Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Washington, DC.

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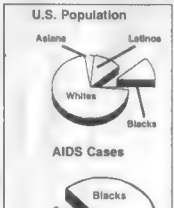
WOMEN AND HIV/AIDS

The AIDS epidemic is far from over. In fact, the epidemic has increased most dramatically among women, especially during the last decade. In nine cities, it is the leading cause of death for women between the ages of 22 and 44. The nine cities are Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Washington, DC.

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Many HIV/AIDS cases among women in the U.S. are initially reported without risk information, suggesting that women may



be unaware of their partners' risk factors or that health care providers are not documenting their risk. Historically, more than two-thirds of AIDS cases among women initially reported without identified risk were later reclassified as heterosexual transmission, and just over one-fourth were attributed to infection drug use.

Researchers believe the stigma of homosexuality in communities of color may inhibit men of color from identifying themselves as gay or bisexual, despite having sex with other men. Additionally, by not identifying as gay or bisexual, these men may not accept their own risk for HIV, and therefore may unintentionally put their female partners at

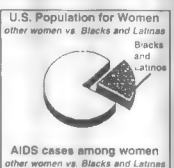
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Although Women who have sex with Women (WSW) transmission of HIV appears to be rare, female sexual contact should be considered a possible means of transmission among WSW.

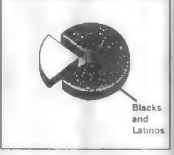
Women need to know

- Exposure of a mucous membrane (e.g. the mouth) to semen, vaginal secretions, and/or menstrual blood is potentially infectious.
- Condoms or dental dams should be used consistently and correctly every time for sexual contact or during oral sex.
- Their own and their partners' HIV status.

One reason women are dying, African Americans accounted for 37% of total AIDS cases, and 41% of new AIDS cases.



AIDS cases among women



is that many women are misdiagnosed, or learn of their HIV status in the latter stages of the disease. Therefore, making it harder but not to late to take control of one's health. It is important that women and others at risk for HIV infection to learn the benefits of knowing if they are infected or not.

MEN AND HIV/AIDS

The face of AIDS among gay and bisexual and other men who have sex with men (MSM) is changing.

Significant strides have been made to reduce high-risk behaviors and HIV infection of men who have sex with men (MSM) in many communities. Researchers estimate that men who have sex with men (MSM) will account for 40% of the overall 40,000 new HIV infections in the U.S. each year and 60% of all new HIV infections among men.

There is currently an estimated 325,000 living with HIV in the U.S. An estimated 356,000

AIDS cases have been diagnosed among MSM since the beginning of the epidemic through June, 1999.

Men who have sex with men (MSM) are the single highest-risk population group for HIV infection in the United States.

Young men who have sex with men (MSM) account for estimated 3 out of 4 HIV infections among young men. Although the numbers of HIV infected gay men of color is increasing at an alarming rate. In fact, for the first time in the two decade epidemic of HIV and AIDS more minority men who have sex with men (MSM).

African Americans and HIV/AIDS

The impact of the AIDS epidemic on African Americans continues to be gross disproportionate.

Despite declines in AIDS deaths among all racial/ethnic groups between 1995 and 1998 AIDS mortality rates remain nearly ten times higher among African Americans than among whites. As reported through June, 1999

• African Americans account for 37% of total AIDS cases, and 41% of new AIDS cases.

• Among men, African Americans represented 33% of total reported AIDS cases.

• Among women, African Americans represented 57% of total reported AIDS cases.

The numbers are even more alarming for HIV infection as reported from the 33 areas with confidential HIV infection reporting through June 1999. African Americans accounted for 52% of total reported HIV cases. • African American men are called for 65% of HIV cases among African Americans, and 47% of HIV cases among women.

Of the total cases of HIV infection among women African

WHAT: The National Association of People with AIDS is sponsoring the fifth annual National HIV Testing Day. NAPWA began National HIV Testing Day in 1996 as part of their efforts to encourage people to take control of their health and lives by promoting testing for HIV, and encouraging people to learn their status.

WHERE: Throughout the week of June 27th, free, confidential and/or anonymous HIV counseling and testing will be available at community-based health centers, and other testing sites throughout the country.

WHO: The major focus of this year's campaign is centered on: • African-Americans. African-Americans account for 37% of total AIDS cases, and 41% of new AIDS cases.

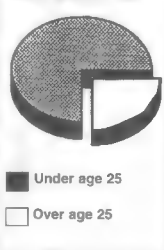
• Latinos: Latinos account for nearly 20% of all new AIDS cases, but represent only 12% of the total U.S. population.

• Adolescents: half of all new infections are among those under age 25.

WHY: Of the 850,000 - 900,000 Americans living with HIV, roughly one in three (200,000 - 300,000) don't know it.

HIV EXPERTS: Interviews can be arranged with the following experts on HIV and AIDS: • Terje Andersen, Executive Director, NAPWA • Helene D. Gayle, MD, MPH, Director, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention • Joseph O'Neill, MD, MS, MPH, Director of the HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration • Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., President and CEO, Rainbow/PUSH Coalition

Infected Men who have Sex with Men



American women accounted for

68% "Estimates of infection trends in the early 1990's indicate that half of all young adults ages 18-22 infected during these years were African American."

• Researchers estimate that 240,000-325,000 African Americans are infected with HIV, and more than 106,000 of these individuals are currently living with AIDS.

• AIDS related illnesses remains to be the leading cause of death for African Americans between the ages of 25 and 44.

For African American men, the most common method of getting infected is having sex with other men, followed by injection drug use. Injection drug use and heterosexual contact with men are the major way African Americans become infected.

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Phil Perry, Chante Moore to sing at 'Rhythm of Love' Tour



Phil Perry File photo



Chante Moore File photo

BEVERLY HILLS CA — Private Music announced singer Phil Perry will join Will Downing, Chante Moore, and Gerald Albright on this summer's awaited "Rhythm of Love Tour." The tour is scheduled to play 23 dates across the country, making stops in Los Angeles, New Orleans, Detroit, Boston and Chicago along the way.

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Rhythm of Love Tour
Dates: July 6, Hyatt Newport, Newport Beach, CA; July 7, Sunset Station Hotel, Las Vegas, NV; July 8, Paramount Theater, Oakland, CA; July 9, Greek Theater, Los Angeles, CA; July 11, House of Blues, New Orleans, LA; July 12, Chastain Park Amphitheater, Atlanta, GA; July 13, Corson Room, St. Louis, MO; July 14, Black Expo, Indianapolis, IN; July 15, Star Plaza Theater, Merrillville, IN; July 16, Fox Theater, Detroit, MI; July 18, TBA, Boston, MA; July 19, Westbury Music Fair, Westbury, NY; July 21, Hampton University, Hampton, VA; July 22, State Theater, Cleveland, OH; July 23, Sam's Town, Memphis, TN; July 25, Wolf Trap, Vienna, VA; July 26, Carpenter Center, Richmond, CA; July 27, Pier Six Concert Pavilion, Baltimore, MD; July 28, New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark, NJ; July 29, Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ; July 30, Ovens Auditorium, Charlotte, NC; August 1, Park West, Chicago, IL; August 2, Riverside Theater, Milwaukee, WI

Hollywood innovators celebrate decade of success

LOS ANGELES — It was 1985 when club Paradise 24 opened the Hollywood night scene, situating itself as the West Coast version of New York's legendary Studio 54. For five years the club reigned as Los Angeles' premier party palace, jump starting the careers of celebrities the likes of MC Hammer, New Edition and Bobby Brown.

Native New Yorker Greg Lites and Los Angeles Felipe Darrell were the creative force behind the scenes of Paradise 24, producing and promoting some of the entertainment industry's most sensational events and live shows to date. It is here the partners first began to hone a solid relationship and following with not only the general public, but with top celebrities and key executives.

In 1990, Lites and Darrell founded Icon Entertainment, a venture that has flourished into a promotional empire over the course of a decade. Icon Entertainment has not only monopolized the night scene in the highly competitive territory of Hollywood, CA, but has developed a highly successful music production arm as well as an art-management entity.

The fact that these two businessmen have secured over 13 weeks in the course of 10 years, from the city's most prestigious and elitist nightclubs throughout Hollywood and Beverly Hills, is not to be underrated. The Roxbury, Stringfellows, Bar One, Centu-

Catering to an upscale clientele, while still providing nightlife stimuli to the masses, the dynamic duo has produced events for the likes of Sean "Puffy" Combs, Mariah Carey, Magoo Johnson, Mike Tyson, Eric Dickerson, Carmen Electra, Denzel Washington, Vivica Fox, and Alan Thicke, just to name a few. Hugh Hefner, Don King, Jay-Z, Shaquille O'Neil and Allen Iverson are just a sampling of the entertainers who have ventured through their doors.

"We were the first African-Americans to establish an own ership/lease at the multi-media conglomerate, The Hollywood Palladium, back in the early 90's," recalls Darrell. "After spending a million dollars in renovations, we extended the venue's event calendar, which had been limited to rock, to include R&B, Latin, alternative and hip hop. We then expanded to include special events under our banner such as boxing, television shows and movie premiere parties. It was a long uphill battle, but our successful results paved the way and opened doors for us at other locales."

On the surface, explain Lites, many of our peers seem to supply as party promoters. But realistically, the situation is far more complex. Just the politics of doing business in many of these establishments alone is mind boggling. Club owners worry about issues of violence and gang attendance. It is a battle of confronting stereotypes everyday. Even with a successful record, we find ourselves having to continue to knock down walls."

Icon Entertainment has

perhaps the most revered direct mailing list in the business, with a total of 22,000 patrons combined. This along with their web site, icon-source.com, two information phone lines, 8000 e-mail addresses, 6000 pager numbers, 500 industry fax numbers and an eight man street team, make Lites and Darrell a marketing phenomenon. Their ability to promote a special event at a moment's notice is simply unparalleled!

Icon Entertainment's reach taps far beyond special events, however. Their database alone has secured them independent promotion contracts from record companies looking to secure the success of their music production company as well as the artist management arm. Icon Entertainment also houses their own state-of-the-art recording studio.

A third partner, Tina Gomez, helps them to oversee a roster of high profile artists. Icon Entertainment was the force behind R&B/pop girl group, The Fugees. The group's production deal with Giant Records and landing them distribution through Warner Bros. Icon Entertainment brought singer-songwriter Jesse Powell to MCA Records, and garnered him a publishing deal with Chrysalis. The team then signed his sister, Trina Powell, to Atlantic.

Also on the management roster is the production team of Joachim Svara and Carsten



Greg Lites and Felipe Darrell Photo courtesy of Jazzmyne Public Relations

Lindberg, a duo from Denmark with credits that include Chante Moore and Shante Wilson, a four male R&B group, Jersey Ave. signed to MCA Records; rapper/actress, Raven, R&B crooners, Reign, producers/songwriters Wokis Stewart & Timmy Gatling, and producer Damon Thomas.

As Icon Entertainment heralds the advance of the new millennium, Lites and Darrell will continue to forge new roads in entertainment circles.

"Our vision has always been to give the people what they want and how they want it," asserts Darrell. "Intriguing nightlife and good music rests at the foundation of Icon Entertainment. But behind the parties is a sound business plan that has made it all possible," explains Lites. "From day one they told us we would never succeed. But we did and it's been ten years now. Now it's time to do it even bigger and better!"

Celebrate Brooklyn!



From left to right (starting from those kneeling): Susan McKeown, Jack Walsh, Rachel Chanoff, Tracie Morris, Mark Monteverde, Gabe Clark, Envo Rico, take place. Celebrate Brooklyn! Photo courtesy of Celebrate Brooklyn!

BROOKLYN — Celebrate Brooklyn, one of the finest outdoor performing arts festivals in the country, announces its 22nd season in the new Prospect Park Bandshell at 9th Street and Prospect Park West in Park Slope. "Uniquely global, uniquely local," according to Billboard Magazine, Celebrate Brooklyn! is everyone's front row seat to summer music, dance, film and spoken word from around the world — and around the block." The newly completed bandshell, with state-of-the-art lighting and sound, provided by seating for 2000, lawn seating for an additional 5000 picnicers and great food and drink.

We are proud to return for our fourth year as Presenting Sponsor of this world-class event that celebrates the diversity in our community by presenting a unique mix of emerging and established artists," says AT&T Director of Corporate Affairs Mark V. Monteverde.

The season kicks off Thursday, June 22nd with blues singer/guitarist Susan Tedeschi and concludes on Saturday, August 12th with Celebrate Brooklyn's own "They Might Be Giants" and former Soul Coughing frontman M. Doughty. Other season highlights include the Henneken EnVivo Latin Music Series featuring Cuban, Dominican, Puerto Rican and Mexican artists, and the Time Warner Cable Film series featuring

classics such as "West Side Story" on Thursday, July 27th and the Dr. Seuss favorite "5000 Fingers of Dr. T." on Thursday, August 17th. Jazz guitar great John Scofield displays his soul-groove side in an all-out jam on July 14th along with 13-piece afro-soul band Annulah.

Daylong cultural festivals, dedicated to the music, dance, food and crafts of Africa and South America, take place on Friday, July 30 (Africa Festival) and Sunday, August 6 (Boricua Festival). As part of the dance residency created by Celebrate Brooklyn!, choreographers-in-residence Sarah East Johnson and Envo Rico take place. Celebrate Brooklyn! the work will be presented at a workshop on Wednesday, August 2nd and is complete on Saturday, August 12th. No season would be complete without the Brooklyn Philharmonic and The New York Pops, Saturday, July 8th and Saturday, August 5th, respectively.

Celebrate Brooklyn!, a project of the not-for-profit Brooklyn Information & Culture, is co-located by Jack Walsh and Rachel Chanoff. Presenting sponsor are AT&T, Envo Rico, take place. Celebrate Brooklyn! is co-located by Jack Walsh and Rachel Chanoff. Presenting sponsor are AT&T, Envo Rico, take place. Celebrate Brooklyn! is co-located by Jack Walsh and Rachel Chanoff. Presenting sponsor are AT&T, Envo Rico, take place.

CeCe Winans enjoys top ten with new CD

MEMPHIS — Nearly eight months after the debut of her first CD "Alabaster Box" on her own Wellspring Gospel Records label, Grammy-winning vocalist CeCe Winans continues to push her CD, which spent 11 weeks at #1 on the Billboard gospel charts out of the box and remains a Top 10 smash.

Known for her urban pop hits such as "Everytime," "Well, Alright" and "Count on Me" with Whitney Houston, Winans' latest promotion was deliberately aimed at reaching the church community.

This album is a praise and worship album," Winans says. "A lot of my past CDs were evangelistic. They were designed to encourage and lead people to church. This CD is for people already in the church."

On that note, the Wellspring staff recently created a unique five-city "Alabaster Box" church tour that exceeded everyone's expectations.

Winans performed 30-40 minute sets at 3,000-5,000 seat churches. She came at her own expense and the churches collected a lot of new members.

Winans and backed her during her own set.

"CeCe is sending a message

that I hope the entire gospel industry picks up on," says Lee Michael, general manager of WCAO in Baltimore, MD, which coordinated Winans' concert at the city's New Psalmist Church. "Artists of Winans' caliber don't come to churches that much anymore and churches can't afford to feed the homeless, run the church and pay the high booking fees of some gospel artists. As a leader in gospel music, CeCe is sending a message to other performers of her stature that you can still be blessed without forsaking the church."

"What moved me was all the young people who came to the altar calls," Winans says. "Hundreds of kids who probably would not have come if there were a ticket price, came with their parents and gave their hearts to God and that's what I'm excited about."

Each church had a capacity audience including The Rock Church, Virginia Beach, VA; Cathedral of the Alien AME Church, Queens, NY, and the Sharon Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

Five thousand heard Winans at Carpenter's Home Church in Lakeland, FL.

"Alabaster Box" recently won two Detroit Motor City Music



CeCe Winans File photo

awards, a Dove award nomination, and has sold over 300,000 copies — Winans' fastest-selling CD to yet. Aside from recent appearances on the syndicated TV series "Motown Live" and "Lifetime Live" on the Lifetime Network, Winans performs Sunday, June 25th on "Booby Jones Gospel" on Black Entertainment Television; and the week of July 3, Winans performs on Rod Parsley's "Breakthrough" on Trinity Broadcasting Network, with her brother, Pastor Marvin Winans.

England's Cleopatra returns with sophomore release

NEW YORK — As we all know too well, being slightly out of the current pop scene and lack of industry foresight can be the hardest adversity for any musical act. Such was the initial fate in the U.S. of England's Cleopatra. In the beginning of 1998, Cleopatra had a meteoric rise to the top of the British pop scene, resulting in platinum singles and album sales, performances at Wembley Stadium & the Vatican (at the request of the Pope) and finally... their very own television series!

Winans made their success all the more special is the fact that Cleopatra is not a fabricated, over-packaged/over-produced image & choreography driven group, but three extraordinarily talented sisters who not only possess "true vocal prowess," according to "USA Today," but also write their own songs.

All this excitement in the

U.K. quickly made its way across the Atlantic, where it was heard by Madonna's Maverick Records, who quickly signed the group for an American release. Almost immediately, American press discovered the same bright talent on their counterparts around the world and in almost no time, Cleopatra was winning raves from "Newsweek," "Entertainment Weekly," "Spin," "People," "Vibe," "USA Today," and many more.

Television quickly followed the success with performances on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" & "Live with Regis&Katie Lee" news segments on CNN & a full concert special on The Disney Channel.

However, it was at this time that Cleopatra ran head-on into the earlier mentioned problem of leading, not riding, a musical trend. When the singles from Cleopatra's debut album "Comin' Atcha" were sent to American pop radio, the near universal response was "there is no audience at radio

for teenage girl singers." Obviously, things have now changed. With American pop radio now dominated by young artists, Cleopatra is set to return with their eagerly awaited second album.

Set for release by Maverick on August 22, Cleopatra's "Steppin' Out" finds Zainam (19), Cleo (18) and Yonah (16) showing their even further developed knock-out vocal abilities and trademark sense of fun with a matured sense of pop and R&B songcraft. "The album features the work of some of today's leading producers such as Daryl Simmons, Jimmy Jam & Terry Lewis, Dave Austin and more. An early taste of "Steppin' Out" will be heard when the album's first single, "U Got It" goes to radio and video channels in June. Another example of the anticipation for the record will be seen as a new Cover Girl commercial campaign, featuring Cleopatra with Nikki Taylor, makes its way to television this summer.

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Summer Movie Preview

Cinema stars to heat up steamy summer nights

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

NEWARK - The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra hosts *Peabo Bryson* at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (800) 255-3476.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

MONTCLAIR - The 12 Miles West Theatre Company presents *"Heide Out"* through July 15. For further information, call (973) 740-7181.

NEWARK - The Newark Museum hosts the David O'Rourke Trio. For more information, call (800) 7-MUSEUM.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

ATLANTIC CITY - Resorts Atlantic City's Eleven33 Club presents *"Acoustic Alchemy"* at 10 p.m. For further information, call (609) 340-6429.

MONTCLAIR - The New York Metropolitan Opera presents *"Madama Butterfly"* at 8 p.m. For more information, call (973) 288-3500.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

MORRISTOWN - Morris Museum hosts an abstract art exhibit, through July 24. For further information, call (973) 538-0454.

ATLANTIC CITY - Resorts Atlantic City's Eleven33 Club presents *"Ozma Adams"* at 10 p.m. For further information, call (609) 340-6429.

CRAWFORD - Union County College presents *"College For Kids"* camp, through August 15. For further information, call (908) 708-7600.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

RINGWOOD - The Garden State Wine Growers Association presents *"Summer Fest at Unioville"*. For more information, call (908) 475-4460.

ATLANTIC CITY - Lori Dobson presents *"The Evening Club"* at 8 p.m. For further information, call (609) 340-6429.

MONTCLAIR - S.A.M.A. Entertainment presents *"Shady Waters at Trumpets"*, 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. For information, call (973) 733-2249.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

CRAWFORD - Union County College offers bonding classes from 7:20 to 10:20 p.m. For more information, call (908) 708-7600.

By Kam Williams

The other evening, as I lay back in bed, relaxing, staring up into the night-time sky, I started thinking about all those stars twinkling across the universe. And then I suddenly had to ask myself, hey, what the heck happened to the roof of my house? But that's another story for another time.

Today's story is about Hollywood stars, because in Tinseltown, star power is the order of the day. You can already see what it did for Mission Impossible 2. Courtesy of shooting star Tom Cruise, that film skyrocketed to blockbuster status with a \$100 million take its opening week. Celestial sightings may be watched at night, but it's the fans who watch the movie stars.

And this summer, we have no shortage of star vehicles: The Wayans brothers, Cameron Diaz, Jim Carrey, Eddie Murphy, Calista Flockhart, Teri Hatcher, Chris Rock, Jennifer Lopez, Samuel L. Jackson, Richard Gere, Clint Eastwood, John Travolta, Bruce Willis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Harrison Ford and Robert DeNiro are among the many marquee names expected to deliver films beyond the stratosphere.

In chronological order, based on release dates, here are the season's projected highlights:

Chicken Run (June 23). Kidding cartoon featuring the voice of Mel Gibson as a rooster in love with a hen and one step ahead of an evil farmer.

Me, Myself & Irene (June 23). Bipolar yucks with Jim Carrey as a schizophrenic who forgets to take his medication and alternates between nice and wise guy personalities. Can anybody say *Liar, Liar*?

The Patriot (June 28). Mel Gibson as Revolutionary War-era pacifist turned Rambo who makes Redcoats regret that he had but one wife to give for his country.

The Adventures of Rocky & Bullwinkle (June 30). Can a computer-generated flying rockster and goobal movie stop the dastardly Boris Badenoff and Natasha before they zombify the



The Perfect Storm Photo courtesy of Warner Bros.

world? What will it be: Fillet of Moose or Crushin' the Russians? **The Perfect Storm** (June 30). George Clooney captains the crew aboard a New England fishing boat caught in a nasty nor'easter.



Me, Myself, and Irene Courtesy of 7777 Studios

Scary Movie (July 7). Keenan Ivory Wayans directs brothers Marlin and Shawn, Carmen Electra and others in over the top spoof of the teen scream genre.

Disney's The Kid (July 7). "Frequency" meets "The Sixth Sense." Sci-fi has Bruce Willis encounter himself as a precocious eight-year-old kid. "I am dead people."

X-Men (July 14). X-babes Halle Berry and Rebecca Romijn-Stamos as sexy super heroes.

Pokemon 2000 (July 21). Japanese mind control phenom introduces new animated characters and extends the line of worthless products your kids can't live without.

Bless the Child (July 21). "Fatal Attraction" meets King her six-year-old niece in a Rosemary's Baby look-alike.

What Lies Beneath (July 21). "Fatal Attraction" meets "The Sixth Sense." Harrison Ford as a genetics professor who discovers that his wife's body has been taken over by the ghost of his dead mistress. "I kiss dead people."

Thomas and the Magic Railroad (July 28). Based on the popular tyke TV series, with Al Pacino as the conductor of a very special talking train. Why not? It's fun to pretend. "All aboard!"

Nutty Professor II (July 28). Eddie Murphy plays everybody named Klump in DNA yuckfest with 'fountain-of-youth' serum plot.

Hollow Mans (August 4). Sci-fi thriller with Kevin Bacon as a scientist who becomes an invisible freak after a freak accident. "I'm seen by no people."

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Coyote Ugly (August 4). Romantic comedy about an aspiring songwriter who waitresses in a "rindown, redneck bar in NYC while waiting for her big break."

Save the Last Dance



Nutty Professor II Courtesy of Universal Studios

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(including James Garner, Donald Sutherland and loudmouth Tommy Lee Jones) on a mission to save a satellite and to keep the world free for TV.

Godzilla 2000 (August 11). Godzilla once again takes it out on Tokyo in the 32nd sequel to the 1954 classic. Made in Japan, and looks it, had dubbing and all.

Texas Rangers (August 11). Civil War-era saga about frontier justice and wild women in the Wild West.

The Replacements (August 11). Keanu Reeves as a scab quarterback, during a pro-football strike. Takes this football and shove it.

Bedazzled (August 11). Brendan Fraser as Dudley Moore in remake of 1967 comedy. Suicidal simpleton sells his soul to the devil to have seven wishes fulfilled.

The Original Kings of Comedy (August 11). Pretentious Spike Lee concert film features the four best African-American stand up comedians: Cedric, Steve Harvey, DL Hughley and Bernie Mac. Whatever happened to Eddie Murphy, Chris Rock, Martin Lawrence and Bill Cosby?

Bring It On (August 16). Bring it up. Naussenting teen-splur with Kirsten Dunst as a cheerleader trying to make it to the national competition.

The Cell (August 18). Silence of the Cleavage. Thriller with Jennifer Lopez as sexy shrink who must enter the mind of one serial killer to catch another.

The Art of War (August 25). Eternally rehabbed plot has Wesley Snipes as wrongly accused secret agent who must clear his name before the authorities catch him.

The Crew (August 25). Burt Reynolds leads gang of geriatric Miami mobsters in fight to save retirement home from greedy developers. Analyze beachfront equity.

Steal This Movie (August 25). Burt Reynolds' 60s radical, Abbie Hoffman with the short-sighted motto of "Never trust anyone over 30". Movement lost steam when Abbie himself, reached 30 and became one of them.

Amiri Baraka fiction collection released



Amiri Baraka File photo

CHICAGO — Amiri Baraka (aka LeRoi Jones) — dramatist, poet, fiction writer, political activist, essayist, and literary legend — is one of America's greatest writers and one of the preeminent African-American literary figures of our time. Yet, until now, it has not been possible to find his collected fiction under one cover. The Fiction of LeRoi Jones/Amiri Baraka (Lawrence Hill Books/The Library of Black America) with a foreword by Greg Tate, provides the most comprehensive collection ever of Baraka's fiction in one volume, spanning more than 40 years of a prolific, provocative, and brilliant career.

While Baraka may be most famous for his plays, poetry, and music writings, his one published novel, "The System of Dente's Hell" (1965) his book of short stories, "Tales" (1967) and his previously unpublished novel "6 Persons" (1973-4) give ample evidence that his fiction may exceed his other work in complexity, inventiveness, confessional recklessness, and contribution to issues of black identity. "The Fiction of LeRoi Jones/Amiri Baraka" includes all three of these masterpieces, and supplements them with four previously uncollected stories.

PT Cruiser featured in 'Motion in Art' competition

AUBURN HILLS/STUTTGART, MI — DaimlerChrysler Corporation is inviting adult artists to enter the "Motion Through Art" competition, a national art competition that challenges artists to create artwork showcasing positive African-American lifestyles developed around a vehicle built by the company.

Created to recognize and celebrate the beauty and diversity that African-American art brings to the world, this year's "Motion Through Art" competition features the exciting, new 2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser. The competition will award three winners cash prizes and national exposure for their artwork. The first-place winner will receive \$6,000; second-place winner, \$3,000; and third-place winner, \$1,000. The three winners will receive an all-expense paid trip to Detroit in October for a reception in their honor. In addition, finalists' artwork will be featured in a commemorative 2001 wall calendar.

"The Chrysler PT Cruiser lends itself to unlimited artistic expression because of the vehicle's exciting design and versatility," said Charles Hudson, Director, Diversity Marketing and Special Projects for DaimlerChrysler. "We think it will pose a unique and exciting challenge to this year's contestants, as we're looking forward to seeing the results."

D.L. Street of Chicago was the first-place winner of last year's competition that featured the Chrysler 300M. "I



was so excited about competing, I told my local Chrysler dealer all about it. The competition inspired me to paint again for pleasure. I am looking forward to entering this year's contest, said Street, whose mixed media painting won among more than 250 qualified entries.

A panel of professional artists, community leaders and DaimlerChrysler representatives will judge the entries on the basis of originality, creativity and the use of the "Motion Through Art" theme.

Chrysler PT Cruiser "Motion Through Art" contestants must be 18 years or older and U.S. residents. The competition is open only to original two-dimensional/low-relief artwork created around the Chrysler PT Cruiser and portraying a positive African-American lifestyle. Artwork must be no larger than 48"W x

48"H. Paintings on canvas must be stretched. No photographs, mosaics, stained glass, or computer-generated artwork will be considered. Artwork must be labeled legibly on the back with an index card with the artist's name, age, address, telephone number, title of work, medium and dimensions with the artist's signature. The artist must verify that she/he is the original author of the work and has the right to assign all copyrights to DaimlerChrysler Corporation. All artwork will become the property of DaimlerChrysler and will not be returned to the artist.

Deadline for entries is Monday, September 11. Winners will be notified in writing by Friday, September 22. Entries should be delivered or mailed to "Motion Through Art" Competition, 570 Kirta Blvd., Suite 233, Troy, Michigan 45064.

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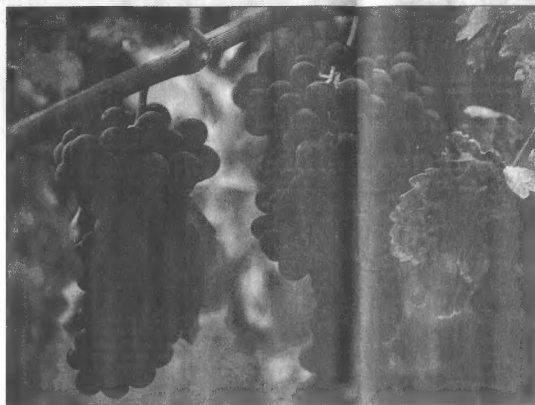
By Don Trotter

This week we will discuss post harvest care of your deciduous fruit trees to ensure a superior harvest next year. While you're enjoying the bounty of this year's crop, let's discuss how to make next year even better.

After the fruit are off your trees, it is time to feed, feed those trees. The remainder of the warm season should be spent stocking up on valuable nutrients so that the tree gets a running start next spring. The primary focus of post harvest care for your trees should be to provide these nutrients while building up the quality of the soil where these trees are asked to grow. So let's take a walk out to the back and take a look at those trees.

Late summer is a critical growth time for deciduous fruit trees. It is the time when the trees recover from the exhaustion of fruit production and begin to accumulate energy for the next season's growth. A variety of minerals are required to produce new roots and to increase overall strength. Several of these essential minerals will also prevent certain diseases from rearing their ugly heads during next year's growing season.

Many of these minerals are readily available at your favorite garden center either in combination as single ingredients. We should start by discussing the dangers of putting too much nitrogen on your trees in late season feedings. Although nitrogen is the most used nutrient by



your trees, late feeding with high nitrogen fertilizers can expose soft growth to early frosts, causing tissue damage to your trees. Often this damaged tissue is an entrance point for disease and insect infestations. So to reduce the problems associated with early frost damage, it is a good idea to remember that low nitrogen or slow nitrogen release fertilizers will serve your trees better for post harvest feeding.

Minerals such as calcium, magnesium, iron, sulfur, phosphorus, potassium, and some trace minerals are the nutrients your fruit trees are really hungry for at this time of year.

Lime or gypsum can supply calcium. Magnesium can be supplied by using magnesium sulfate (Epsom salts) or by using one of my favorite materials called Sul-Po-Mag (sulfate of potassium magnesium).

Sul-Po-Mag is also a rich source of potassium and sulfur. Greensand, which is

marine clay mined in New Jersey and Texas, can also provide potassium. Greensand is also a rich source of trace minerals that can last as long as five years. Kelp meal is a good source of potassium as well as an amazing resource for a myriad of essential trace minerals. Iron and sulfur should be carefully watched by gardeners with acidic soils. Both of these materials can exacerbate problems associated with acidic soil conditions and these

soils are not often deficient in these nutrients.

Gardeners with alkaline soils can use iron sulfate to increase these minerals as well as to balance the alkaline soils in their gardens. Soft rock phosphate and bone meal are both good resources for phosphorus. Bone meal can also increase levels of available calcium to plants. Adding mulch or compost to your soils also releases higher concentrations of phosphorus due to increased activity of beneficial soil microbes.

This is good a time as any to sound like a broken record. The addition of organic matter to the soil around your trees will reduce water loss from evaporation. It will reduce runoff water (especially in areas where summer rain is common) by acting as a sponge for excess rain water and irrigation water. It will reduce lost nutrients and feed beneficial soil microorganisms that will make nutrients more available to your trees and suppress disease organisms from taking hold in your soil. So once again I urge you to add organic matter in the form of mulch and/or compost whenever possible and especially at this time of year to benefit your plants and your soil. A three to four inch layer of organic matter can do wonders for your fruit crop. Yearly reapplication of this compost or mulch will slowly build up a nutrient bank in your soil that will certainly increase the productivity of your trees and ensure optimum health for many years.

I use a mixture of a couple of

my favorite natural products to increase the vitality of fruit trees after harvest. The mix is as follows:

- 1 part Sul-Po-Mag (sulfate of potash magnesium)
- 1 part Soft rock phosphate or 2 parts Bone meal
- 1 part Kelp meal

I apply this mixture at a rate of 1 cup per inch of tree trunk diameter in summer immediately after fruit harvest. I normally add a low nitrogen fertilizer as well. This low nitrogen fertilizer can be from several sources. Alfalfa meal, fish meal, cottonseed meal, and fully composted manures are good examples of nitrogen sources that will not cause your trees to grow too fast and expose soft tissues to the elements.

By taking a little time to nurture your fruit trees after they have given their all for your enjoyment, you can guarantee that this time next year, you will be enjoying even more luscious fruit. Next time we will be discussing summer rose care. See you in the garden!

Got questions? Email the Doc at Curly@mill.net. Don Trotter's Natural Gardening columns appear nationally in environmentally sensitive publications. Look for Don's books *Natural Gardening A-Z* on sale now, and his new release *The Complete Natural Gardener*, both from Hay House Publishing, www.HayHouse.com.

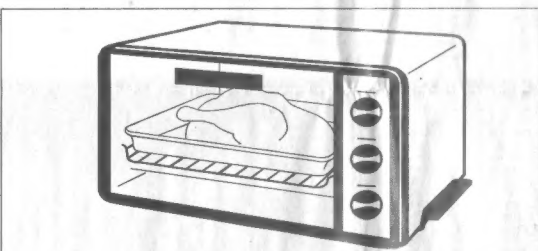
Ways to conserve energy this summer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Computers, printers, air conditioners, televisions, VCRs, microwaves. We're more "plugged in" than ever.

Power blackouts and brownouts will increase this summer and in years to come, predicts the Alliance to Save Energy, a coalition of business, government, environmental and consumer leaders who promote the efficient and clean use of energy worldwide.

Growing power demands, warmer weather patterns and heat waves will cause problems, according to the Alliance, which urges business, government, utility companies and consumers to save energy. The following are some of the ways consumers can lighten the power load in their homes and cut energy bills and pollution:

- Keep your cool and lower your costs. Ceiling and other fans provide additional cooling by setting circulation, enabling you to raise the thermostat and cut down on air conditioning costs.
- Size matters. Bigger is not always better with air conditioning.



ing. Poorly sized air conditioning units can inflate energy costs and contribute to poor indoor air quality, worsening allergies and making breathing uncomfortable. Check with your contractor or local air conditioning system retailer to properly size your unit.

• Cooling and heating are half of the average family's energy bill. Maintain your air conditioning equipment with a professional "tuneup" to save the cost and inconvenience of a breakdown during the hottest days. Clean or replace filters monthly.

• Listen to your mother. ("What do you think? We own the electric company?") Turn off everything not in use: lights, televisions, computers.

• To cut your utility bills by

20 percent, look for the Energy Star label, the symbol for energy efficiency, when shopping for room air conditioners, major appliances, lighting and home electronics. Find retailers near you at <http://www.energystar.gov>.

For central air conditioning systems, make sure the Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio is 12 or higher. (See <http://www.epa.gov/applstar/hv>

aprodac.html.)

• Don't let your house get "sunnyburnt." Cut your air conditioning load, reduce pollution and fight your local "heat island" effect by planting leafy trees and vines around your home and installing reflective tiles on your roof and adequate insulation in your attic, which can often reach temperatures of 115 degrees F or higher. (See <http://www.naima.org> for insulation information.)

Close blinds or shades on the south and west-facing windows of the house during the day or install trollees, awnings or other shading devices.

• Tired of coming home to a sweltering house on hot summer days? A programmable thermostat automatically coordinates indoor climates with your daily and weekend patterns, increasing home comfort and reducing energy waste.

• Shift energy-intensive tasks such as laundry and dish washing to off-peak energy demand hours.

• Take the guesswork out of energy-efficient home improvement by exploring the Alliance to Save Energy's free Home Energy Checkup online at <http://www.ase.org/checkup>. It provides homeowners with a quick analysis of potential dollar and pollution savings, considering climate types and energy prices.

• Go "window-shopping" at the Efficient Windows Collaborative Web site at <http://www.efficientwindows.org>. You will learn how high-performance Energy Star windows can reduce average cooling costs from 15 percent to 35 percent in Central and Southern climate zones by filtering in visible light and filtering out heat waves.

For more "no sweat" tips, go to the Alliance to Save Energy's consumer Web site at <http://www.ase.org/consumer> for an animated version of the Alliance's consumer booklet, "PowerSmart: Easy Tips to Save Money and the Planet." Get a free print copy with toll-free call to the Consumer Information Center at (888) 878-3256.

How to cut costs on your wedding ceremony

By BRIDAL GUIDE Magazine For AP Special Features

You're excited about getting married, but the idea of paying for it all can be overwhelming. How can you save? The July/August issue of "Bridal Guide" magazine lists 25 ways to cut wedding costs. Here are the top five:

• Negotiate, negotiate, negotiate. Wedding vendors practically expect you to haggle on the price of everything from your band and photographer to the reception site. The key is to arm yourself with negotiating power by comparison shopping.

• Remember the phrase "something borrowed." Asking friends and relatives to loan you gently used items saves time, stress and money. Think about things that you won't necessarily use again: earrings, purse, even toasting flutes. Loved ones are happy to put them to good use again.

• Forego floral arrange-

ments. Who says you have to use flowers for reception-table centerpieces? Candles are very romantic and much less expensive. Or create a theme: holly leaves and berries during the holiday season work well, or pussy willows and branches in the spring.

• Think about timing. The day of the week and time of year you're getting married will greatly affect costs. The more popular, the more expensive. With some venues, getting married on a Friday or Saturday can save you up to 40 percent. Midweek weddings are even more budget-friendly.

• Don't go overboard. You don't have to spring for all the traditional wedding necessities and add-ons. Instead of buying a \$75 cake knife, ask the caterer to supply it or bring the family's silver one and entrust it to someone. Aisle runners? It's a question of personal preference, but they do cost money and your gown can get lost in the photos when it is white on white.



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Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., popularly known as the "Sunshine Law," the Newark Public School District wishes to announce the following:

The date and location of the June 27, 2000 Advisory Board Meeting have been changed to:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2000
THE NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2 CEDAR STREET, NEWARK
10th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM (1010)
8:00 P.M.

- Tentative Agenda:
- Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Flag Salute
 - Public Participation
 - Report of the State District Superintendent
 - Report of the Board of School Board Chairperson
 - Old Business
 - Adjournment

FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS SESSION.

Marton A. Bolden
State District Superintendent

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION

The Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders will continue the Public Hearing on the following Resolution.

Resolution No. R-00-0060 - 2000 Introduce Essex County Budget
Resolution No. R-00-0234 - 2000 Budget Amendment

Said Hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2000 at 6:30 p.m., at the Weequahic Park Field House, Newark, New Jersey (off of Market Street).

Adrienne Davis
Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

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Awarded to: CMA Insurance Company
Time Period: June 1, 2000 through May 31, 2001
Cost: Total Annual Premium of \$204,500.00
Services: For Medical Professional Liability Insurance

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Awarded to: Travelers Property Casualty
Time Period: June 1, 2000 through May 31, 2001
Cost: Total Annual Premium of \$158,739.00
Services: For Property and Casualty Insurance

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Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

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Awarded to: North River Insurance Company
Time Period: June 1, 2000 through May 31, 2001
Cost: Total Annual Premium of \$500,000.00
Services: For Excess Liability Coverage Insurance

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION

A Meeting of the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders' Essex County Improvement Authority Oversight Committee has been scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2000. The meeting will begin at 4:30 P.M. and will be held in Room 208 in the Hall of Records, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Newark, New Jersey.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the status of the job project.

Adrienne Davis
Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION

The TIME for the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders' Wednesday, June 21, 2000, Board Meeting has been changed to 6:30 p.m. The location remains the same: Weequahic Park Field House, Newark (off of Market Street).

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Awarded to: Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey, Inc.
Time Period: July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000
Cost: Not to Exceed \$3,100,000.00
Services: To provide a Drug Prescription Program for County Employees

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Awarded to: Summit Klein & Company
Time Period: Accountant shall complete the annual inventory for the 2000 State Audit in accordance with Federal and State requirements.
Cost: Not to Exceed \$95,750.00
Services: To Conduct an Audit of Federal and State Grants for the Year Ending December 31, 2000.

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